
Sponsor: Housing Stability

Meeting Date: 2/17/2026

Title: Grant Acceptance and Agreement to Comply with the Terms of the Agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the city of Saint Paul for the Emergency Solutions Grant

File Number: 2026-060

Background and Rationale:

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) distributes the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), a formula grant program, to local governmental units for emergency shelter, street outreach, homelessness prevention, and rapid re-housing. Since 2019, the city of Saint Paul has been transferring the full grant amount to Ramsey County as the sub-recipient of the ESG funds. The joint powers agreement between Ramsey County and the city requires that the county agrees to the terms of ESG grant agreements between HUD and the city, including the attached agreement covering Sep. 3, 2024, through Sep. 2, 2026. Ramsey County is responsible for selecting service providers, complying with federal requirements, managing agreements and performance of sub-recipients, and aligning ESG with the Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care.

Ramsey County Housing Stability and the city of Saint Paul amended their joint powers agreement to include language stating that, in Year Two, ESG applicants funded in Year One will be required to submit a Letter of Interest in place of a full solicitation response. A Letter of Interest process for the 2026 program year will occur in February 2026. All current ESG applicants will be required to apply

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the amendment to the joint powers agreement with the city of Saint Paul for the Emergency Solutions Grant administration.
2. Accept a grant award and approve the county's agreement to the terms of a grant agreement between the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the city of Saint Paul for the Emergency Solutions Grant upon execution, through September 23, 2027, in the amount of \$594,589.
3. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McMurtrey, seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: Jason Yang
Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board