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**Sponsor:** Housing Stability

**Meeting Date:** 9/23/2025

**Title:** Grant Award from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division for the Community Living Infrastructure Grant

**File Number:** 2025-351

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**Background and Rationale:**

In 2018, Ramsey County was awarded funding under the Housing Support grant, Community Living Infrastructure (CLI) to: increase housing support programming capacity, provide technical assistance to new and culturally specific providers, build infrastructure to develop a monitoring program, and improve the county's response time to individuals who are struggling to navigate pathways to housing. By 2019, the Housing Stability department had hired two staff for the CLI Program: a Housing Resource Specialist and a Planning Specialist. Staff developed new Housing Support projects and settings, including culturally specific/minority owned providers.

In 2020, the CLI grant played a crucial role in the county's response to COVID-19 among the homeless. Staff facilitated the development of wrap-around services and housing support for individuals in the emergency hotel shelter programs. For the 2021-2023 grant period, the Department of Human Services (DHS) awarded the county with its current CLI positions, plus an additional Housing Resource Specialist position to meet the goals of increasing housing opportunities, improving provider support, and being more responsive to program participants and community needs.

An amendment was provided to the Housing Stability Department (HSD), adding \$534,091 and extending the time of the grant award through June 30, 2025. Funding provided continued to support the administration of the Housing Support program. For this current biennium, HSD applied for funding to include the addition of two staff members to the department. HSD received a total of \$400,000 for the Housing Support program, which will fund its two current Planning Specialists dedicated to providing direct service coordination, technical assistance, and training to Housing Support providers across the County.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division for the Community Living Infrastructure Grant for \$1,006,810.
2. Accept a grant and approve a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Division for the Community Living Infrastructure Grant upon execution of the grant through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$400,000.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
4. 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 Miller, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh.

Motion passed.

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

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Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board