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**Sponsor:** Housing Stability

**Meeting Date:** 9/16/2025

**Title:** Grant Award from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care Planning Grant

**File Number:** 2025-374

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Ramsey County Housing Stability department serves as the lead agency for the Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care (HHR CoC), a community-wide partnership committed to the goal of ending homelessness in Ramsey County. HHR CoC is a coalition of social service providers, housing providers, philanthropic partners, businesses, community organizations, government agencies, and citizens working together to create and implement cost-effective solutions to ending homelessness. HHR CoC is responsible for planning and implementing the homeless response system in Ramsey County and carries out specific duties defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the state of Minnesota.

As the lead agency, Housing Stability:

- Leads coordination activities with Heading Home Ramsey Governing Board, Steering Committee, workgroups, and other CoC members; HUD-funded and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) projects and providers; coordinated entry programs; the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH); and other metro area continua of care.
- Sets and communicates performance goals for all CoC and ESG projects; establishes baseline and ongoing reporting for system-wide performance goals; reports and presents on coordinated entry goals and outcomes; collects data and monitors data quality through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS),
- Designs and implements a project monitoring plan, communicating and visiting with each ESG and CoC project to follow up on all aspects of the plan, and report results.
- Participates in city and county consolidated plan planning and public meetings, providing data used in preparation for sections on homelessness and housing,
- Develops and implements a coordinated entry system, and
- Serves as the lead applicant for HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- Oversees and administers HUD compliance monitoring activities.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

- Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Continuum of Care Grant.
- Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care lead agency planning for the period of November 1, 2026, to October 31, 2027, in the amount of \$438,075.
- Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement, with revisions as approved by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

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:   
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Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board