
Sponsor: Veterans Services

Meeting Date: 6/4/2024

Title: Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs for the Homelessness Mission - Functional Zero Project

File Number: 2024-192

Background and Rationale:

Minnesota aims to be one of four states in the nation to end veteran homelessness by reaching a statewide goal of Functional Zero for Homeless Veterans. Functional Zero is a milestone that demonstrates success when fewer people are experiencing homelessness than are routinely exiting homelessness at any given time. The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs understands that Minnesota's two most populous areas, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, will require significant effort and resources to achieve the state of Minnesota's Functional Zero goal.

Funding from this agreement supports one intermittent Full Time Equivalent (FTE) position in Ramsey County. Currently, the position and funding are included in Housing Stability complement and budget but are being transferred to Veterans Services. This position collaborates with internal and external partners to identify veterans in the county and connect them to the Homeless Veteran Registry, which helps veterans get connected to specific housing and services. As part of their duties, the staff member attends the weekly Functional Zero collaboration meetings that includes representation from Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs and Ramsey County Veterans Services department. The amendment to this agreement is to extend the time of the agreement through June 30, 2025 and add \$100,000 for the time period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve an amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs, 435 Wabasha Street North #120, Saint Paul, MN 55102, for the Homelessness Mission - Functional Zero Project for the period of November 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: - 1: Frethem

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board