



Board of Commissioners

Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
651-266-9200

June 6, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of June 6, 2023 is Presented for Approval** [2023-151](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 6, 2023.

2. **Minutes from May 23, 2023 are Presented for Approval** [2023-153](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 23, 2023 Minutes.

PROCLAMATION

3. **Proclamation: PRIDE Month** [2023-218](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office, Human Resources, Social Services

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

4. **Obligation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding Towards 2023 Affordable Housing Development** [2023-186](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Approve the obligation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding for recommended projects and funding amounts for the preservation and construction of deeply affordable housing.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into the necessary loan or other agreements and execute amendments to loan or other agreements in a manner consistent with the American Rescue Plan Act regulations and requirements, federal, state and local regulations and requirements, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

5. **Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission** [2023-221](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

Appoint Mike Sachi to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 6, 2023 and ending June 4, 2026.

6. Minnesota Department of Revenue Local Homeless Prevention Aid [2023-223](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

- 1. Accept the Minnesota Department of Revenue Local Homeless Prevention Aid five-year certified funding allocation (July 2023- December 31, 2028), with the first two installments from the totaling \$2,477,234 in 2023.
- 2. Authorize the County Manager to create a Local Homeless Prevention Aid Project within the Housing Stability department budget.
- 3. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Housing Stability department by 2.0 Full Time Equivalent.

POLICY ITEM

7. Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation’s Performance Measurement Program [2023-142](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

- 1. Approve continuation of Ramsey County's participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program, as well as public distribution of the performance measures report via the county's website.
- 2. Ratify the County Manager’s submission of Ramsey County’s annual report of its adopted performance measures to the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

9:45 a.m. (est.): Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting - Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

9:50 a.m. (est.): Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority Meeting - Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300

10 a.m. (est.) Board Workshop: Recycling and Energy Board Joint Activities Budget - Council Chamber - Courthouse Room 300

1:30 p.m. Board Workshop: 2024 Employee Benefits Procurement Process - Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room

Public Access via Zoom Webinar for PM Workshop

<https://zoom.us/j/95639066822?pwd=eUkzSllmT2FGMnNqZkJKdms0MzZJUT09>
Webinar ID: 956 3906 6822 | Passcode: 924031 | Phone: 651-372-8299

Advance Notice:

June 13, 2023 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 20, 2023 County board meeting – Council Chambers

June 27, 2023 County board meeting – Council Chambers

July 4, 2023 No county board meeting – Holiday



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2023-151

Meeting Date: 6/6/2023

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of June 6, 2023 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of June 6, 2023.



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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Item Number: 2023-153

Meeting Date: 6/6/2023

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes from May 23, 2023 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the May 23, 2023 Minutes.

Attachments

1. May 23, 2023 Minutes



Board of Commissioners

Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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May 23, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair MatasCastillo. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Chief Deputy, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Ortega.

1. Agenda of May 23, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-096](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 23, 2023.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

2. Minutes from May 16, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-097](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 16, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Moran. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2024 - Waive First Reading and Set Public Hearing Date [2023-189](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

1. Waive the First Reading of the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2024.
2. Set the Public Hearing date of June 13, 2023 at 9 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers, third floor of Ramsey County Courthouse - 15 West Kellogg Boulevard, Saint Paul, MN, 55102 to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2024.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Resolution: [B2023-076](#)

4. Detour Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation [2023-196](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, 1500 County Road B2 West, Roseville, MN, 55113, related to routing traffic from state roadways to county roadways on a posted detour during construction along Trunk Highway 5.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Resolution: [B2023-077](#)

5. Agreement with Urban Companies for Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center Campus Exterior and Grounds Improvements Project [2023-198](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the selection of an agreement with Urban Companies, LLC, 3781 Labore Road, Saint Paul, MN, 55110, for the Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center Campus Exterior and Grounds Improvements project, for the period of May 23, 2023 through May 22, 2024, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,085,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provide the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong
Resolution: [B2023-078](#)

6. Sale of the Ramsey County Care Center Property to NUWAY Alliance [2023-195](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the sale of and Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Ramsey County Care Center property on Parcel #142922320001 with NUWAY Alliance, 2217 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN, 55404, in the amount of \$5,250,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to create a Holding Project as a project budget in the 2023 Capital Projects Fund.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement, settlements, closing documents, and other related real estate documentation associated with the disposition of the Ramsey County Care Center (Parcel #142922320001), in a form approved by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.
4. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments that do not have a financial impact on the disposition of the Ramsey County Care Center (Parcel #142922320001).
5. Authorize the County Manager to create a Ramsey County Care Center Closure Project within the Property Management budget.
6. Authorize the County Manager to reallocate up to \$340,000 from the Ramsey County Care Center 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Program Project budget to the Ramsey County Care Center Closure Project for one-time costs to complete the closure activities.
7. Approve the closure of the Ramsey County Care Center Capital Improvement Program Projects, with the remaining balances directed to the Capital Improvement Program

contingent account.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2023-079](#)

7. Agreement with Sheehy Construction Company for Ramsey County 360 Wabasha Construction Project [2023-199](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the selection of an agreement with Sheehy Construction Company, 360 W. Larpenteur Avenue, Suite 200, Saint Paul, MN, 55401, for the Ramsey County 360 Wabasha Street North Construction project, for the period of May 23, 2023 through May 22, 2024, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$13,957,300.
2. Authorize the Chair and the Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute amendments to the agreement in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provide the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2023-080](#)

8. Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Lowry Building LLC for Office Space [2023-202](#)

Sponsors: Property Management, County Attorney's Office

1. Approve the second amendment to the lease agreement with Lowry Building LLC, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 700W, Saint Paul, MN, 55101, for office space at the Lowry Building, 345 Wabasha Avenue, Saint Paul, MN, 55102, for the period from September 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024, with all other material terms remaining in effect.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the second amendment to the lease agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute lease amendments to extend the lease at negotiated rates, with the same general terms and conditions.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2023-081](#)

9. Lease Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for Office Space [2023-203](#)

Sponsors: Property Management, Sheriff's Office

1. Approve the lease agreement with the city of Saint Paul, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard, Suite 700, Saint Paul, MN, 55102, for office space in the City Hall Annex, 25 West 4th Street, Suite 150, Saint Paul, MN, 55102, for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, in the total amount of \$179,721.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute lease amendments to renew the lease at negotiated rates, with the same general terms and conditions.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2023-082](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presented by Commissioner MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ryan O'Connor. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Presented by Chair MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MatasCastillo declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.



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Request for Board Action

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Item Number: 2023-218

Meeting Date: 6/6/2023

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Proclamation: PRIDE Month

Attachments

1. Proclamation

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The month of June is recognized internationally as PRIDE Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots in June 1969, which sparked the Gay Rights liberation movement; and

WHEREAS, The first-ever PRIDE parade known as the “Christopher Street Liberation Day” was organized to “demonstrate against centuries of abuse; official betrayal of human rights by virtually all segments of society; from government hostility to employment and housing discrimination and anti-homosexual laws”; and

WHEREAS, Marriage equality for same-sex couples was finally granted nationally on June 26, 2015 and the United States officially joined 18 other countries in legalizing same-sex marriages; and

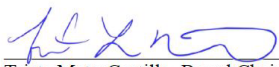
WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has been granting civil union contracts since August of 2013 and Ramsey County has been advancing marriage equality by signing over 1,266 civil contracts in support of residents; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County employs over 4000 employees with a spectrum of diverse ethnic and racial identities, gender and sexual identities, age ranges, abilities, and lived experiences that adds value to the counties workforce; and

WHEREAS, The PRIDE: LGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group’s was established in 2023 and its mission is to promote a safe and inclusive workplace culture for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, Queer, intersex, asexual Ramsey County employees and allies; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares June 2023 as Pride Month in Ramsey County and encourages residents to attend the St. Paul Pride on June 10th at the Rice Street Park; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners will advance and deepen their commitment to advocate for the rights of LGBTQIA+ employees and residents.


Trista MatasCastillo, Board Chair, District 3



Nicole Frethem, Commissioner, District 1



Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, District 2


Rena Moran, Commissioner, District 4


Rafael Ortega, Commissioner, District 5


Mai Chong Xiong, Commissioner, District 6


Victoria Reinhardt, Commissioner, District 7


Ryan T. O'Connor, County Manager

Item Number: 2023-186

Meeting Date: 6/6/2023

Sponsor: Community & Economic Development

Title

Obligation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding Towards 2023 Affordable Housing Development

Recommendation

1. Approve the obligation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding for recommended projects and funding amounts for the preservation and construction of deeply affordable housing.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into the necessary loan or other agreements and execute amendments to loan or other agreements in a manner consistent with the American Rescue Plan Act regulations and requirements, federal, state and local regulations and requirements, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Background and Rationale

Ramsey County has an urgent and evident need for affordable housing, especially for individuals and families with household incomes less than 30% of the area median income (AMI). According to Ramsey County's Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion (ECI) Plan the county has a deficit of 15,000 units affordable to those at 30% AMI or below. The lack of affordable housing supply leads to greater housing instability for residents and exacerbates the county's ongoing homelessness crisis.

On August 17, 2021, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners obligated \$20 million of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation and an additional \$17 million of ARPA on May 17, 2022, totaling \$37 million towards affordable housing as envisioned in the ECI Plan. On December 21, 2021 and May 17, 2022 the Ramsey County Board obligated a portion of the ARPA allocation towards specific housing development projects in an amount totaling \$20,800,000 million. An additional \$6,750,000 of the allocation was obligated to housing development projects in a board action on December 20, 2023. And \$1,850,000 is earmarked for administrative and planning expenses. Since awarded, three approved projects totaling \$6,800,000 were cancelled by the developers, which left \$14,400,000 for the 2023 Housing Development Solicitation. The transformational investment allows Ramsey County to participate in the funding and development of deeply affordable housing at a new level.

To obligate ARPA funds for this use, private, non-profit and governmental developers were encouraged to apply to the competitive 2023 Housing Development Solicitation that opened on February 14, 2023 and closed on March 14, 2023. The 2023 Housing Development Solicitation was modeled after Ramsey County's previous Inclusive Housing Development Solicitation and the existing process for obligating funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ramsey County marketed the solicitation on the Ramsey County website, through the Community & Economic Development (CED) newsletter and direct outreach to partner organizations.

Ramsey County received twenty-seven applications, which were evaluated using the competitive solicitation's scoring criteria. CED staff recommends advancing eight awards for funding consideration at this time. Projects will be funded in a manner consistent with ARPA and other applicable federal, state, and local regulations and requirements in a form approved by Finance and the County Attorney's Office. A declaration will be recorded

against each property’s title that requires rental affordability for 30 years. Affordability will be monitored through an annual compliance review to ensure that property owners are maintaining units at 30% AMI.

Cancelled Projects from Previous Solicitations

Ridgewood Apartments, AEON (Saint Paul)	\$1,800,000
Gallery Building, Reuter Walton (Saint Paul)	\$1,500,000
Woodale Apartments, Reuter Walton (Mounds View)	\$3,500,000
 Total	 \$6,800,000

The \$6,800,000 was added to the remaining \$7,600,000 and made available through the competitive 2023 Housing Development Solicitation. The following projects totaling \$14,400,000 are recommended for ARPA funding:

Obligation from the 2023 Housing Development Solicitation

Gladstone Village II, JB Vang (Maplewood)	\$2,748,031
Laurel Flats, Outlaw Development (Saint Paul)	\$957,970
CB Ford II, Commonbond (Saint Paul)	\$2,400,000
Mary Hall, AEON (Saint Paul)	\$2,390,936
Panorama, Presbyterian Homes (Saint Paul)	\$2,500,000
Treehouse, Trellis (Saint Paul)	\$375,000
Magnolia Flats, Outlaw Development (Saint Paul)	\$1,740,000
Project for Pride in Living East 7 th (Saint Paul)	\$1,288,063
 Total	 \$14,400,000

Additional information for each project can be found in the Narrative Project Descriptions attachment.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being
- Prosperity
- Opportunity
- Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

ARPA funds will be used to implement eligible strategies from the ECI Plan by investing in projects and programs that specifically aim to reduce racial disparities in housing. These strategies include increasing the supply of deeply affordable rental units and the preservation of naturally occurring affordable housing. The recommended projects will preserve rental units where most renters are racially and ethnically diverse and add new affordable rental units to communities that lack affordable rental options.

Ramsey County has large racial disparities between residents of color and white residents in the housing sector. These disparities include a disproportionate number of African American and American Indian residents experiencing homelessness compared to white residents. Generally, racially and ethnically diverse residents are more likely to rent than own their own home and be cost-burdened by housing costs compared to white residents. To undo these historical and lasting inequities, inclusive investment is needed in communities where wealth has been extracted over time.

Community Participation Level and Impact

CED implemented a robust community engagement process in the creation of ECI Plan and the approval of

the Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) levy. This included engagement with residents, businesses, community organizations, other governmental agencies, elected officials, and local municipalities. Community was informed about the competitive solicitation, one step towards the implementation of the community driven ECI Plan. Additional engagement with housing organizations that directly serve residents facing housing instability and homelessness occurred during the planning stage of the Deeply Affordable Housing Initiative.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Of the \$37 million of ARPA funds obligated by the County Board for deeply affordable housing, \$27,550,000 was committed to specific projects through board actions passed on December 21, 2021, May 17, 2022, and December 20, 2022. After these three board actions and the cancellation of three projects totaling \$6,800,000, the amount of funding approved by the Board of Commissioners thus far is \$20,750,000. The eight recommended awards will bring the total amount of approved funding for obligated projects to \$35,150,000 with an additional \$1,850,000 for administration and planning. All obligated uses come to \$37,000,000. This is equal to the amount of ARPA funding that the Board of Commissioners designated for affordable housing on August 17, 2021 and May 17, 2022. As of April 17, 2023, \$5,709,544 has been spent or 15.4% of the total ARPA obligation for affordable housing. Per federal guidance, all ARPA funding needs to be obligated and under contract by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

Last Previous Action

On December 20, 2022, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved \$6,750,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funding for affordable housing projects (Resolution B2022-300)

On May 17, 2022, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved \$12,816,697 of American Rescue Plan Act funding for affordable housing projects (Resolution B2022-125)

On May 17, 2022 the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners obligated an additional \$17,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funding for affordable housing investments as laid out in the Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan (Resolution B2022-124).

On May 10, 2022, the Ramsey County Housing Redevelopment Authority approved the recommended projects and awards for the 2022 Annual Action Plan and substantial amendment to the 2021 Annual Action Plan (Resolution H2022-007).

On December 21, 2021, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved \$6,183,303 of American Rescue Plan Act funding for affordable housing projects (Resolution B2021-291).

On August 17, 2021, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners obligated \$20 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding for affordable housing investments as laid out in the Economic Competitiveness and Inclusion Plan (Resolution B2021-180)

Attachments

1. 2023 Project Narratives

Description of Recommended Projects and Awards from the 2023 Housing Development Solicitation

This document provides a narrative description of each project that is recommended for funding through the County Board or Ramsey County Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA). Projects listed below are recommended for one of two funding sources: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding and/or HRA Levy funding. All projects applied through the 2023 Housing Development Solicitations.

Mary Hall (ARPA and HRA funding) (GO Bonds and HRA Levy funding- approved May 17, 2022)

Mary Hall is a proposed 88-unit adaptive reuse project by AEON located in Downtown Saint Paul. The development would include 46 new units at 30% Area Median Income (AMI). The remainder of the units will be income restricted at 50% AMI. Supportive services would be provided through a Housing Support provider.

The project is recommended for two partial awards to be considered by the County Board and HRA on June 6, 2023. The recommendation is for \$2,390,936 of ARPA funding and \$109,064 of HRA funding. This funding is contingent on successfully receiving state funding in 2023 due to ARPA spending timelines. The 2023 recommended awards is in addition to the 2022 approved awards.

In 2022 the project was approved for two awards to be considered by County Board and HRA board on May 17, 2022. The recommendation is for \$1,485,310 of GO bonds and \$326,068 of HRA levy for a total award amount of \$1,811,378. At the time of application, the 2023 recommended awards and 2022 approved awards represents 16.5% of the total development cost of this new construction project. Construction is estimated to begin in 2024.

Gladstone Village II (ARPA funding)

Gladstone Village II is a proposed 51-unit new construction building by JB Vang Partners in Maplewood. The development would include 18 units affordable to residents making 30% AMI or below. The remainder of the units would be affordable at 50% AMI and 60% AMI. Supportive services would be provided on-site.

The project is recommended for an ARPA award of \$2,748,031 to be considered by the County Board on June 6, 2023. At the time of application, the award represented 12.6% of the total development cost. This funding is contingent on successfully receiving state funding in 2023 due to ARPA spending timelines.

Treehouse (ARPA funding) (ARPA approved May 17, 2022)

Treehouse is a proposed 36-unit new construction project by Trellis located in Saint Paul's Highland Park neighborhood. The development would include 27 units affordable at 30% AMI and the remainder of the units would income-restricted to residents making 50% AMI.

In 2023 Treehouse is recommended for an award of \$375,000 of ARPA funding, In 2022, the project was awarded of \$490,000 of ARPA funding. The recommended award represents 5.7% of the total development cost of this new construction project. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023.

Dunedin Hi-Rise (HRA funding)

Dunedin Hi-Rise is an existing 143-unit senior housing tower owned by the Saint Paul Public Housing Authority. 142 of the units are public housing units and affordable to those making less than 30% AMI through voucher programs. 1 unit is market-rate.

The project is recommended for a partial award of \$350,000 in HRA funding. The recommended grant will pay for roof replacement. The recommendation represents 100% of the total development cost of the roof replacement as Ramsey County HRA is the only source of capital funding in this project. The HRA will consider the recommended award on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2024.

Ravoux Hi-Rise (HRA funding)

Ravoux Hi-Rise is an existing 220-unit housing tower owned by the Saint Paul Public Housing Authority. 229 of the units are public housing units and affordable to those making less than 30% AMI through voucher programs. 1 unit is market-rate.

The project is recommended for a partial award of \$250,000 in HRA funding. The recommended grant will pay for exterior joint sealant to prevent water intrusion. This recommendation represents 100% of the total development cost of the joint sealant project as Ramsey County HRA is the only source of capital funding in this project. The HRA will consider the recommended award on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2024.

Iowa Hi-Rise (HRA funding)

Iowa Hi-Rise is an existing 148-unit senior housing tower owned by the Saint Paul Public Housing Authority. 147 of the units are public housing units and affordable to those making less than 30% AMI through voucher programs. 1 unit is market-rate.

The project is recommended for a partial award of \$250,000 in HRA funding. The recommended grant will pay for LED lighting upgrades to improve visibility for senior residents and increase energy efficiency. This recommendation represents 100% of the total development cost of the lighting upgrades as Ramsey County HRA is the only source of capital funding in this project. The HRA will consider the recommended award on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2024.

Hamline Hi-Rise (HRA funding)

Hamline Hi-Rise is an existing 186-unit senior housing tower owned by the Saint Paul Public Housing Authority. 185 of the units are public housing units and affordable to those making less than 30% AMI through voucher programs. 1 unit is market-rate.

The project is recommended for a partial award of \$300,000 in HRA funding. The recommended grant will pay for LED lighting upgrades to improve visibility for senior residents and increase energy efficiency. This recommendation represents 100% of the total development cost of the lighting upgrades as Ramsey County HRA is the only source of capital funding in this project. The HRA will consider the recommended award on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2024.

CB Ford II (ARPA funding)

CB Ford II is a proposed new construction building by Commonbond Communities in the Highland Park neighborhood of Saint Paul. The building will have 60 units, with 23 of the units affordable to those making 50% AMI and 37 units affordable to those making 30% AMI. It will contain a mix of 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom units.

The project is recommended for a partial award of \$2,400,000 of ARPA funding. The recommended award represents 9.6% of the total development cost of this new construction project. The County Board will consider this award on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2024. This funding is contingent on successfully receiving state funding in 2023 due to ARPA spending timelines.

833 University (HRA funding)

833 University is a 6-unit existing building owned by Model Cities for residents that make less than 30% AMI and utilize Section 8 project-based vouchers. One of the units and the exterior cladding need rehabilitation due to water damage.

The project is recommended for an HRA award of \$490,936. The recommended award represents 74.6% of the total development cost of this rehabilitation project. The HRA will consider this award on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023.

Panorama (ARPA Funding)

Panorama is a proposed 72-unit senior building by Presbyterian Homes in the Highland Park neighborhood of Saint Paul. The building will provide a mix of affordability including units affordable at 30% AMI, 60% AMI, 80% AMI and market-rate units.

The project is recommended for an award of \$2,500,000 of ARPA funding. At the time of application, the recommended award represents 11.7% of the total development cost of the new construction project. The County Board will consider the recommendation on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023-2024.

Laurel Flats (ARPA Funding)

Laurel Flats is a proposed 8-unit acquisition rehab project by Outlaw Development in the Summit-University neighborhood of Saint Paul. The building will provide a mix of affordability including 1 unit affordable at 30% AMI and 7 units affordable at 50% AMI.

The project is recommended for an award of \$957,970 of ARPA funding. At the time of application, the recommended award represents 59.1% of the total development cost of the acquisition rehab project. The County Board will consider the recommendation on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023.

Magnolia Flats (ARPA Funding)

Magnolia Flats is a proposed 6-unit new construction project by Outlaw Development in the Greater Eastside neighborhood of Saint Paul. The building will provide two 4-bedroom units affordable at 30% AMI and four 4-bedroom units affordable at 60% AMI.

The project is recommended for an award of \$1,740,000 of ARPA funding. At the time of application the recommended award represents 65% of the total development cost of the new construction project. The County Board will consider the recommendation on June 6, 2023. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023.

PPL East 7th (ARPA Funding)

Project for Pride in Living's East 7th is a proposed new construction building in the Dayton's Bluff neighborhood of Saint Paul. The 60 unit building would have a mix of affordability at 30% AMI, 50% AMI and 60% AMI. Bedroom sizes would vary from 1 bedroom to 5 bedroom units and include supportive housing.

The project is recommended for a partial award of \$1,288,063 of ARPA funding. At the time of application this represents 4.0% of the total development cost of the new construction project. This funding is contingent on successfully receiving state funding in 2023 due to ARPA spending timelines.

Rice Street Reuter Walton (HRA funding) (*HOME funding approved on May 9, 2023*)

Reuter Walton is proposing a 173-unit new construction building in Little Canada. The building would have a mix of affordability levels include 17 units affordable at 30% AMI. It includes 1-bedrooms and 2-bedrooms and 3-bedrooms.

The project is recommended for a partial award of \$600,000 in HRA funding. On May 9, 2023 the HRA approved an award of \$831,821 in HOME funds for this project At the time of application this represents this represents 2.5% of the total development cost of the new construction project.

Little Canada Senior (HRA funding)

Little Canada Senior by Lupe Development is a proposed 60-unit building in Little Canada. The building would have a mix of affordability levels including 6 units affordable at 30% AMI.

The project is recommended for a partial award of \$750,000 in HRA funding. At the time of application this represents 2.2% of the total development cost of the new construction project.

Homebuyer Initiated Program, Rondo Community Land Trust (HRA funding)

The Rondo Community Land Trust manages the Homebuyer Initiated Program. It provides financing for prospective homebuyers to afford homeownership and enter the land trust. Rondo is partnering with the Twin Cities Land Bank to help homebuyers purchase duplexes so that new homeowners can create wealth with rental income. This project is recommended for a partial award of \$375,000 of HRA funding allocated on April 4, 2023 for wealth creation initiatives. The project will also utilize MHFA and other funding sources. Ramsey County HRA funding would be used to fund the purchase and affordability gap of three homes or duplexes.

Roseville Land Trust, City of Roseville (HRA funding)

The City of Roseville manages a single-family acquisition rehab program in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity. The city acquires, rehabs and enters single family homes into a land trust. The project is recommended for a partial award of \$400,000 of HRA funding. This recommended award will assist Roseville with the acquisition, rehab and affordability gap of 2-3 homes. The project will utilize Habitat

for Humanity and City of Roseville funds as well. The HRA will consider the recommendation June 6, 2023.

Slipstream Inc. Single Family Rehabilitation Program (HRA funding)

Slipstream Inc proposed a continuation of the existing rehabilitation loan program. The program will rehab 10 single family homes in suburban Ramsey County with forgivable loans up to \$20,000 for renovations including roofs, siding, decks, windows, and interior renovations.

The project is recommended for an award of \$200,000 of HRA funding. This represents 100% of the total cost of rehabilitation program. The HRA will consider the recommendation on June 6, 2023.

~~Gallery Building (ARPA funding – approved May 17, 2022)~~

~~Gallery Building is a proposed 80-unit adaptive reuse by Reuter Walton of a commercial office building into affordable housing in Downtown Saint Paul. The proposal would have 8 units affordable at 30% AMI and the rest would be income restricted at 50% AMI.~~

~~This project has a recommended award of \$1,500,000 of ARPA funding and will be considered by the County Board on May 17, 2022. The recommended award represents 9.1% of the total development cost of this new construction project. Construction is estimated to begin in 2023-2024.~~

~~Scattered Site Portfolio Acquisition (HRA Levy funding – approved May 17, 2022)~~

~~Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity is proposing to acquire a portfolio of single family homes located in the communities of White Bear Township, White Bear Lake, Maplewood and Saint Paul. The homes would be renovated and sold to low to moderate income homebuyers.~~

~~The project is recommended for an award of \$800,000 of HRA levy funds to be considered by the HRA board on May 17, 2022. At the time of application, this recommended award represents 15.9% of the total project cost. Acquisition is expected to take place in 2022.~~

Item Number: 2023-221

Meeting Date: 6/6/2023

Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Title

Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission

Recommendation

Appoint Mike Sachi to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term beginning June 6, 2023 and ending June 4, 2026.

Background and Rationale

The Parks and Recreation Commission serves as an advisory group to the Parks and Recreation Department leadership. Members of the Parks Commission serve as valuable community liaisons, and provide insights on park projects, policy, racial equity and community engagement efforts. Feedback and ideas are incorporated into development projects and help connect park staff to community. Members' familiarity with the county's parks and recreation system offers a deep and rich conversation about the direction of the department. The Parks Commission has a total of nine seats-one for each district and two at-large.

There is currently 1 vacancy and 2 ending term positions on the Parks and Recreation Commission. There was a total of 4 applications, none of which were from incumbents. On April 28, 2023 the applications were forwarded to an interview panel, which consisted of three Ramsey County commissioners, who reviewed the applications and interviews with took place between April 28 - May 19, 2023. On May 17, 2023, Mike Sachi was recommended by the interview panel for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the June 6 board meeting date.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

In addition to the usual recruitment for advisory committee vacancies through GovDelivery, word of mouth by advisory committee members, staff, and the board, the vacancies and application was promoted through an email listserv reaching numerous diverse organizations and networks. The Communications Department also recruited through all social media accounts and county website. This extended promotion process is a step towards better outreach to more racially diverse and underrepresented voices that are often missed.

Furthermore, the application for these vacancies was updated to focus more on the lived experiences and knowledge and skills a resident may bring along with an optional section to insert demographics to ensure we are reaching new and diverse candidates.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Participation by and input from community members appointed to advisory groups helps to shape and improve programs and services for the community, share information and increase the level of understanding through discussion, dialogue and engagement.

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Fiscal Impact

In 2022, Ramsey County began offering compensation for residents serving on formal advisory boards. Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission had an opportunity to opt-in for a monthly \$25 gift card attendance compensation. Advisory board compensation comes from the Community Engagement Fund.

Last Previous Action

On July 12, 2022, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners appointed Jordan Nelson and Tamara Mattison to the Parks and Recreation Commission (Resolution B2022-171).

Attachments

1. Parks and Recreation Commission Membership Roster



Board Roster



Leah Shepard

2nd Term May 26, 2020 - Jun 01, 2023

Appointing Resolution B2020-113



Candace Peterson

6th Term Jun 02, 2020 - Jun 01, 2023

Appointing Resolution B2020-120



Brian Tempas

5th Term Jun 02, 2021 - Jun 01, 2024

Appointing Resolution B2021-118



Gregory Williams

1st Term Jun 02, 2021 - Jun 01, 2024

Appointing Resolution B2021-118



Snowdon Herr

1st Term Jun 02, 2021 - Jun 02, 2024

Appointing Resolution B2021-118



Mary Grams Basnight

1st Term Oct 25, 2022 - May 31, 2025

Appointing Resolution 2022-245



Jordan Nelson

2nd Term Jul 12, 2022 - Jun 01, 2025

Appointing Resolution B2022-171



Tamara D Mattison

1st Term Jul 12, 2022 - Jun 01, 2025

Appointing Resolution B2022-171



Vacancy

Item Number: 2023-223

Meeting Date: 6/6/2023

Sponsor: Housing Stability

Title

Minnesota Department of Revenue Local Homeless Prevention Aid

Recommendation

1. Accept the Minnesota Department of Revenue Local Homeless Prevention Aid five-year certified funding allocation (July 2023- December 31, 2028), with the first two installments from the totaling \$2,477,234 in 2023.
2. Authorize the County Manager to create a Local Homeless Prevention Aid Project within the Housing Stability department budget.
3. Approve an increase in the personnel complement of the Housing Stability department by 2.0 Full Time Equivalent.

Background and Rationale

Local Homeless Prevention Aid (LPHA) was created by the 2021 Legislature to help local governments ensure no child is homeless within a jurisdiction by keeping families from losing housing and helping those experiencing homelessness find housing. Counties may use the aid to fund new or existing family and/or youth homeless prevention and assistance programs.

LPHA funds target unaccompanied youth in need of an alternative residential setting AND families with children who are eligible for a pre-kindergarten through grade 12 academic program that are:

- Living in overcrowded conditions in their current housing.
- Paying more than 50% of their income for rent.
- Lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Funding may be used to connect families with social services, provide rental assistance (which may exceed 24 months), and provide support and case management to improve housing stability (including housing navigation and outreach to families). In accordance with 2022 Minnesota Statute, section 477A.30 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/477A.30>), funding for this program flows from the Minnesota Department of Revenue to county human service agencies in two installments each year. The first round of funding (totaling \$10 million across all 87 counties in Minnesota) will be distributed on July 20, 2023, and the second half on December 26, 2023.

Allocations to counties are based on a formula specified in statute using data provided by the Minnesota Department of Education. The geographic distribution of the number of students identified by schools who meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness is a significant factor in that formula. Funding appropriated for this purpose totals \$20 million per year and is scheduled to sunset after payments in 2028 have been completed.

Through this funding, the Housing Stability department will be adding 2.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Housing Specialist positions. One position will be dedicated to working in partnership with schools assisting families

with navigating housing programs and benefits. The other position will be devoted to assisting homeless youth.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action) Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability**Racial Equity Impact**

During April 2021 to March 2022, data from homeless shelters and street outreach indicate that 45% of the persons were Black or African American, 31% white, 5% American Indian, 9% Latinx, and 5% Asian (with 4% unknown and 9% multiple races). Children (17 and under) and their parents represent 30% of the homeless population in Ramsey County, a rate that has steadily increased since 2012. Youth of color are two times as likely to have experienced homelessness or high mobility than their white counterparts. LHPA funds help to ensure no child is homeless within local jurisdiction by keeping families from losing housing and helping those experiencing homelessness find housing.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The SHiP Collaborative (Stable Housing is the Priority) is comprised of a group of experts, community organizers, and frontline workers with lived experience that have organized counties in Minnesota to develop a Blueprint for Regionalization to prevent and end homelessness. Through their work over the last two years, the group has organized metro area counties in partnership with the Housing Justice Collective to develop a prevention-focused systems model that assists households through challenges to prevent homelessness and stabilize individuals altogether. SHiP has expanded its efforts and will soon be working in collaboration with other regions in Minnesota.

 Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower**Fiscal Impact**

Every year, LHPA will be distributed in two tranches in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 477A.015. In 2023, Ramsey County will receive a total of \$2,477,234 in two payments on July 20, 2023, and December 26, 2023. These funds will be accounted for in a new Local Homeless Prevention Aid Project. Housing Stability anticipates receiving approximately \$2.5 million annually through the life of this funding.

The department will use \$400,000 annually to support two FTEs that will focus on internal navigation services. The remaining allocation will be distributed via competitive solicitation annually. The funding ends in 2028, and the department will address any FTE impacts at that time. The department will report back to the Ramsey County Board annually on impact, progress, and outcomes.

LHPA distributions represent new revenue not accounted for in the 2023 Housing Stability budget.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. 2023 Local Homeless Prevention Aid Amounts

2023 Local Homeless Prevention Aid

COUNTY	POPULATION-BASED AID	STUDENT DATA-BASED AID	CERTIFIED 2023 LOCAL HOMELESS PREVENTION AID
AITKIN	\$5,000	\$20,123	\$25,123
ANOKA	\$63,767	\$1,923,470	\$1,987,237
BECKER	\$6,165	\$260,767	\$266,932
BELTRAMI	\$8,101	\$702,645	\$710,746
BENTON	\$7,251	\$130,803	\$138,054
BIG STONE	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
BLUE EARTH	\$12,111	\$168,534	\$180,645
BROWN	\$5,000	\$51,147	\$56,147
CARLTON	\$6,345	\$82,171	\$88,516
CARVER	\$18,737	\$97,264	\$116,001
CASS	\$5,269	\$127,449	\$132,718
CHIPPEWA	\$5,000	\$28,508	\$33,508
CHISAGO	\$9,922	\$23,477	\$33,399
CLAY	\$11,446	\$212,135	\$223,581
CLEARWATER	\$5,000	\$39,408	\$44,408
COOK	\$5,000	\$838	\$5,838
COTTONWOOD	\$5,000	\$5,031	\$10,031
CROW WING	\$11,587	\$75,463	\$87,050
DAKOTA	\$77,085	\$809,132	\$886,217
DODGE	\$5,000	\$33,539	\$38,539
DOUGLAS	\$6,835	\$92,233	\$99,068
FARIBAUT	\$5,000	\$13,416	\$18,416
FILLMORE	\$5,000	\$1,677	\$6,677
FREEBORN	\$5,414	\$41,085	\$46,499
GOODHUE	\$8,338	\$67,917	\$76,255
GRANT	\$5,000	\$5,869	\$10,869
HENNEPIN	\$224,580	\$5,771,247	\$5,995,827
HOUSTON	\$5,000	\$46,955	\$51,955
HUBBARD	\$5,000	\$2,515	\$7,515
ISANTI	\$7,208	\$57,017	\$64,225
ITASCA	\$7,888	\$318,622	\$326,510
JACKSON	\$5,000	\$5,869	\$10,869
KANABEC	\$5,000	\$46,955	\$51,955
KANDIYOHI	\$7,664	\$76,302	\$83,966
KITTSOON	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
KOOCHICHING	\$5,000	\$4,192	\$9,192
LAC QUI PARLE	\$5,000	\$7,546	\$12,546
LAKE	\$5,000	\$44,439	\$49,439
LAKE OF THE WOODS	\$5,000	\$1,677	\$6,677
LE SUEUR	\$5,025	\$69,594	\$74,619
LINCOLN	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
LYON	\$5,000	\$44,439	\$49,439
MCLEOD	\$6,444	\$77,978	\$84,422

MAHNOMEN	\$5,000	\$64,563	\$69,563
MARSHALL	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
MARTIN	\$5,000	\$204,589	\$209,589
MEEKER	\$5,000	\$17,608	\$22,608
MILLE LACS	\$5,000	\$125,772	\$130,772
MORRISON	\$5,960	\$31,024	\$36,984
MOWER	\$7,015	\$46,955	\$53,970
MURRAY	\$5,000	\$14,254	\$19,254
NICOLLET	\$6,038	\$63,724	\$69,762
NOBLES	\$5,000	\$104,810	\$109,810
NORMAN	\$5,000	\$14,254	\$19,254
OLMSTED	\$28,537	\$767,208	\$795,745
OTTER TAIL	\$10,529	\$36,893	\$47,422
PENNINGTON	\$5,000	\$24,316	\$29,316
PINE	\$5,060	\$90,556	\$95,616
PIPESTONE	\$5,000	\$20,123	\$25,123
POLK	\$5,466	\$159,311	\$164,777
POPE	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
RAMSEY	\$96,794	\$2,380,440	\$2,477,234
RED LAKE	\$5,000	\$5,031	\$10,031
REDWOOD	\$5,000	\$31,024	\$36,024
RENVILLE	\$5,000	\$15,093	\$20,093
RICE	\$11,758	\$111,518	\$123,276
ROCK	\$5,000	\$2,515	\$7,515
ROSEAU	\$5,000	\$10,900	\$15,900
ST. LOUIS	\$35,088	\$608,735	\$643,823
SCOTT	\$26,448	\$203,750	\$230,198
SHERBURNE	\$17,030	\$159,311	\$176,341
SIBLEY	\$5,000	\$43,601	\$48,601
STEARNS	\$27,739	\$813,324	\$841,063
STEELE	\$6,555	\$136,672	\$143,227
STEVENS	\$5,000	\$1,677	\$6,677
SWIFT	\$5,000	\$838	\$5,838
TODD	\$5,000	\$155,119	\$160,119
TRAVERSE	\$5,000	\$10,062	\$15,062
WABASHA	\$5,000	\$33,539	\$38,539
WADENA	\$5,000	\$23,477	\$28,477
WASECA	\$5,000	\$44,439	\$49,439
WASHINGTON	\$46,888	\$565,134	\$612,022
WATONWAN	\$5,000	\$13,416	\$18,416
WILKIN	\$5,000	\$6,708	\$11,708
WINONA	\$8,704	\$11,739	\$20,443
WRIGHT	\$24,768	\$98,940	\$123,708
YELLOW MEDICINE	\$5,000	\$5,031	\$10,031
STATEWIDE	\$1,132,559	\$18,867,441	\$20,000,000

Item Number: 2023-142

Meeting Date: 6/6/2023

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program

Recommendation

1. Approve continuation of Ramsey County's participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program, as well as public distribution of the performance measures report via the county's website.
2. Ratify the County Manager's submission of Ramsey County's annual report of its adopted performance measures to the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor.

Background and Rationale

In 2010, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation with the direction to develop standard performance measures and comprehensive performance measurement systems for cities and counties. The purpose of the Minnesota State Auditor Performance Measurement Program for Local Governments ("Program") is to "aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy and effectiveness of counties and cities in providing services, and measure residents' opinions of those services " (Minn. Statute 6.90, Subd. 2). Each participating county is required to select measures from the 27 items identified in the "Standard Measures for Counties" prepared by the Council on Local Results and Innovation (Attachment 1), implement a system for measuring them, and report the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation - State Auditor Performance results to residents by the end of that calendar year. The report to residents should be distributed through publication, direct mailing, website posting or at a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input be allowed.

In 2013, Ramsey County staff examined the items listed in the "Standard Measures for Counties" and selected measures that provide a brief, high-level view of the county. These are the same measures that are proposed for submission this publishing year. They include:

- Crime rates per 100,000 residents
- Average county pavement condition rating
- Percentage of low birth-weight births
- Property value assessment ratios
- Accuracy of post-election audit (percent of ballots counted accurately)
- Dollars brought into county for veterans' benefits
- Number of annual park and library visits per 1,000 residents
- County bond ratings
- Recycling percentage

On June 25, 2013, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved county participation in the Program and the list of measures (Resolution 2013-182). The county has continued to participate in the Program. The 2022 Ramsey County Minnesota Local Government Performance Measures Report (Attachment 2) was prepared according to the Program requirements. This report was posted on the county website. The same process for publishing and making the report available will be followed in 2023.

One of the benefits from participating in the Program is a reimbursement of up to \$25,000 from the state of Minnesota. In past years, the funds have been used to fund the work of the county’s Policy & Planning Division in the County Manager’s Office to maintain and refine the county’s performance measurement processes, and to fund the county’s Progressive Internship Program.

To participate in this voluntary program, Ramsey County must file a report with the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor by July 1. The report includes a resolution to demonstrate the county’s continued commitment to the program, including the submission of the report to the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor and the release of its performance measures report to the public.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being
- Prosperity
- Opportunity
- Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Tracking the county’s performance over time in areas such as crime rates and low birth weight-indicators of outcomes that have disproportionate impact across race and ethnicity-help the county track its success in meeting its racial equity goals. Additionally, one benefit of participation in this program is a reimbursement from the state of up to \$25,000, which supports the county’s Progressive Internship Program. The Progressive Internship Program provides paid internship opportunities to Saint Paul College and Metropolitan State University students, institutions with highly diverse student bodies. Drawing from a more diverse pool of internship applicants enables the county to hire interns that more accurately represent the diversity of county residents.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Every year, when Ramsey County submits Performance Measures Report to the Office of the State Auditor, the county also publishes the report on its own website, in the interest of greater transparency and accountability. While there was no direct community engagement with this request for proposals, community is engaged through departmental measures that align with the measurements identified by staff.

- Inform
- Consult
- Involve
- Collaborate
- Empower

Fiscal Impact

The program has a financial benefit to encourage county participation: a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita, not to exceed \$25,000. Ramsey County will be eligible for the \$25,000 maximum under this program due to the size of its population. The County Manager's approved 2023 budget includes the estimated annual revenue from this program.

Last Previous Action

On June 21, 2022, the Ramsey County Board approved the continued participation in the State Auditor Performance Measurement Program as well as public distribution of the performance measures report via the county’s website (Resolution B2022-146).

On June 25, 2013, the Ramsey County Board approved participation in the Minnesota State Auditor Performance Measurement Program and directed the County Manager to implement the program (Resolution 2013-182).

Attachments

1. Standard Measures for Counties
2. MN Council on Local Results and Innovation’s Performance Measurement Program: 2022 Report
3. MN Council on Local Results and Innovation’s Performance Measurement Program: 2023 Report

Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation’s Performance Measurement Program: 2023 Report

Ramsey County participates in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation’s comprehensive performance measurement system for cities and counties. This program encourages local governments to publish and compare information on their activities. The data items were selected from a list provided by the state. Many of the items in the State system are included in the County’s own performance measures.

Public Safety: Crime Rates (per 100,000 people)	2018	2019	2020	2021
Part I Crimes (Serious Crimes)	3,472	3,779	4,051	
Part II Crimes (Other Crimes)	3,463	3,670	3,527	
Total	6,953	7,449	7,578	
Group A Offenses (per 100,000 people)				4,870
Group B Arrests				54,683
The uniform crime statistics program is a standard way of comparing crime patterns across jurisdictions. Source: State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, “Uniform Crime Report,” 2018 (Section 4.4.2), 2019 (Section 4.4.2) and 2020 (Section 4.4.2). In 2021, the UCR report changed considerably and included new terminology related to arrests (Group A vs. Group B offenses and arrests). 2021 data on Group A and Group B offenses cannot be compared to the previous years’ data.				

Public Works: Pavement Conditions	2019	2020	2021	2022
Average pavement condition rating for county roads	61.2	62.1	60.4	60.98
Roads are regularly examined and rated, on a scale of 1 to 100, using a standardized system developed by MnDOT. The results are used to plan and implement county maintenance operations efficiently. Source: Ramsey County Public Works.				

Public Health, Social Services: Low Birth Weight	2019	2020	2021	2022 (preliminary)
Low birth weight births (percent of all live, singleton births with weight < 2500 grams)	6.3%	6.6%	6.8%	7.0%
Babies born weighing less than 2500 grams (5lb. 8 oz.) have greater health risks than babies born at a higher birth weight, including poorer health outcomes and a greater likelihood of death before their first birthday. Reducing such risks will reduce health care costs, decrease use of social services programs, and increase family wellbeing. Sources: Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota County Health Tables, “Natality Table 10. Preterm and Birth Weight of Singleton Births by State/County/ CHB, Minnesota Residents,” 2017-2019; County Health Rankings & Roadmaps.				

Property Records, Evaluation, Assessment: Assessment Ratios	2019	2020	2021	2022
Residential Assessment Ratio	96.40	94.78	94.30	97.72%
Apartment Assessment Ratio	96.79	97.00	97.36	95.64%
Commercial Assessment Ratio	96.80	92.89	97.62	92.72%
Industrial Assessment Ratio	93.79	98.02	97.73	92.46%
Assessment ratios of assessed values to market sales are part of the Minnesota Department of Revenue’s annual analysis of the accuracy of property value assessments. Assessors are required to have ratios between 90% and 105%. If values are less than 100, the assessed values tend to be lower than market sales. Source: Ramsey County Assessor.				

Elections: Accuracy of post-election audit	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ballots counted accurately -- post-election review	*	100.00%	*	100.00%
After elections, the results of ballot counting are reviewed to determine the accuracy of the counting process. 99.5% is the minimum accuracy required by the state. Source: Ramsey County Elections. *State-county elections are not conducted in odd-numbered years.				

Veterans Services: Benefits Received by Veterans	2018	2019	2020	2021
Federal pension and disability benefits for veterans and survivor	\$67.24 million	\$78.02 million	\$74.75 million	\$78.60 million
Value of VA Medical Care Services which includes state of the art Primary and Specialty Care as well as many programs and services.	\$90.97 million	\$98.00 million	\$107.17 million	\$107.07 million
Veterans Services provides counseling and other assistance, including advocacy for veterans, their dependents, and survivors who are entitled to federal and state benefits; enrollment in the VA Medical Care System; and referral to other programs and services provided within the VA Medical Care System. Source: Ramsey County Veterans Services.				

Parks, Libraries: Visits	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ramsey County Regional Parks (visits per 1,000 residents)	5,719	N/A*	5,903	N/A**
Ramsey County Library (physical visits per 1,000 residents)	5,825	1,404	1,977	2,967
Ramsey County Library (virtual visits per 1,000 residents)	14,685	26,351	32,838	30,588
Parks: Numbers indicate visits to Ramsey County's six regional parks and six regional trails. They do not include visits to nine county parks, which are not tracked. Sources: Metropolitan Council, "2018 Park Use Estimates Dashboard," https://metro council.org/Parks/Services/Parks-Research/Regional-Park-System-Annual-Use-Estimates.aspx (as the Metropolitan Council changed its methodology with its 2017 report, these numbers have been recalculated and are not comparable to the numbers in reports that Ramsey County previously submitted to the Office of the State Auditor); Metropolitan Council, "Appendix A: Detailed 2019 Visitation Estimate," https://metro council.org/Parks/Publications-And-Resources/PARK-USE-REPORTS/2019-Regional-Park-System-Use-Estimate-Methodology.aspx . For more reference the Met Council annual use estimate can be found here . *Due to COVID-19, the Metropolitan Council did not produce parks use estimate in 2020. ** 2022 data is not available. Libraries: Traditionally, libraries have tracked physical visits as a measure of services. As the use of digital library materials becomes more common, Ramsey County is also tracking virtual visits. Source: Ramsey County Library.				

Budget, Financial: Bond ratings	2019	2020	2021	2022
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA
Moody's Investor Services	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa
Rating agencies examine a county's financial and management characteristics to rate whether the bonds will be safe investments. Source: Ramsey County Finance.				

Environment: Recycling percentage	2019	2020	2021	2022
Mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) recycled	50.3%	46.2%	46%	67%
Recycling is critical for reducing the impact of waste on the environment. Source: Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health.				

Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation’s Performance Measurement Program: 2022 Report

Ramsey County participates in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation’s comprehensive performance measurement system for cities and counties. This program encourages local governments to publish and compare information on their activities. The data items were selected from a list provided by the state. Many of the items in the State system are included in the County’s own performance measures.

Public Safety: Crime Rates (per 100,000 people)	2017	2018	2019	2020
Part I Crimes (Serious Crimes)	3,814	3,472	3,779	4,051
Part II Crimes (Other Crimes)	3,751	3,463	3,670	3,527
Total	7,565	6,953	7,449	7,578

The uniform crime statistics program is a standard way of comparing crime patterns across jurisdictions. Source: State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, “Uniform Crime Report,” 2017 (Section 4.4.2), 2018 (Section 4.4.2), 2019 (Section 4.4.2) and 2020 (Section 4.4.2).

Public Works: Pavement Conditions	2018	2019	2020	2021
Average pavement condition rating for county roads	61	61.2	62.1	60.4

Roads are regularly examined and rated, on a scale of 1 to 100, using a standardized system developed by MnDOT. The results are used to plan and implement county maintenance operations efficiently. *Due to processing delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 rating is a projection based on 2019 rate data. Source: Ramsey County Public Works.

Public Health, Social Services: Low Birth Weight	2017	2018	2019	2020
Low birth weight births (percent of all live, singleton births with weight < 2500 grams)	6.1%	6.5%	6.3%	8%*

Babies born weighing less than 2500 grams (5lb. 8 oz.) have greater health risks than babies born at a higher birth weight, including poorer health outcomes and a greater likelihood of death before their first birthday. Reducing such risks will reduce health care costs, decrease use of social services programs, and increase family wellbeing. Sources: Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota County Health Tables, “Natality Table 10. Preterm and Birth Weight of Singleton Births by State/County/ CHB, Minnesota Residents,” 2017-2019; County Health Rankings & Roadmaps; *Minnesota Department of Health County Health Table data for 2020 was not available at the time of publication for this report, so alternative data on births from the National Center for Health Statistics that is drawn from the National Vital Statistics System is provided for 2020. This data is accessible at <http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>. Due to this change in source, 2020 data is not comparable to percentages from previous years.

Property Records, Evaluation, Assessment: Assessment Ratios	2018	2019	2020	2021
Residential Assessment Ratio	94.48	96.40	94.78	94.30
Apartment Assessment Ratio	94.13	96.79	97.00	97.36
Commercial Assessment Ratio	95.20	96.80	92.89	97.62
Industrial Assessment Ratio	94.55	93.79	98.02	97.73

Assessment ratios of assessed values to market sales are part of the Minnesota Department of Revenue’s annual analysis of the accuracy of property value assessments. Assessors are required to have ratios between 90% and 105%. If values are less than 100, the assessed values tend to be lower than market sales. Source: Ramsey County Assessor.

Elections: Accuracy of post-election audit	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ballots counted accurately -- post-election review	100.00%	*	100.00%	*
After elections, the results of ballot counting are reviewed to determine the accuracy of the counting process. 99.5% is the minimum accuracy required by the state. Source: Ramsey County Elections. *State-county elections are not conducted in odd-numbered years.				

Veterans Services: Benefits Received by Veterans	2017	2018	2019	2020
Federal pension and disability benefits for veterans and survivor	\$70.42 million	\$67.24 million	\$78.02 million	N/A*
Value of VA Medical Care Services which includes state of the art Primary and Specialty Care as well as many programs and services.	\$94.22 million	\$90.97 million	\$98.00 million	N/A*
Veterans Services provides counseling and other assistance, including advocacy for veterans, their dependents, and survivors who are entitled to federal and state benefits; enrollment in the VA Medical Care System; and referral to other programs and services provided within the VA Medical Care System. *2020 data provided by the US Veterans Affairs Department used to develop this measurement were not available at time of publication. Source: Ramsey County Veterans Services.				

Parks, Libraries: Visits	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ramsey County Regional Parks (visits per 1,000 residents)	8,759	5,719	N/A*	N/A*
Ramsey County Library (physical visits per 1,000 residents)	5,853	5,825	1,404	1,977
Ramsey County Library (virtual visits per 1,000 residents)	14,253	14,685	26,351	32,838
Parks: Numbers indicate visits to Ramsey County's six regional parks and six regional trails. They do not include visits to nine county parks, which are not tracked. Sources: Metropolitan Council, "2018 Park Use Estimates Dashboard," https://metro council.org/Parks/Services/Parks-Research/Regional-Park-System-Annual-Use-Estimates.aspx (as the Metropolitan Council changed its methodology with its 2017 report, these numbers have been recalculated and are not comparable to the numbers in reports that Ramsey County previously submitted to the Office of the State Auditor); Metropolitan Council, "Appendix A: Detailed 2019 Visitation Estimate," https://metro council.org/Parks/Publications-And-Resources/PARK-USE-REPORTS/2019-Regional-Park-System-Use-Estimate-Methodology.aspx Due to COVID-19, the Metropolitan Council did not produce a parks use estimate in 2020. Libraries: Traditionally, libraries have tracked physical visits as a measure of services. As the use of digital library materials becomes more common, Ramsey County is also tracking virtual visits. Source: Ramsey County Library.				

Budget, Financial: Bond ratings	2018	2019	2020	2021
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA
Moody's Investor Services	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa
Rating agencies examine a county's financial and management characteristics to rate whether the bonds will be safe investments. Source: Ramsey County Finance.				

Environment: Recycling percentage	2018	2019	2020	2021
Mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) recycled	49.8%	50.3%	46.2%	46%*
Recycling is critical for reducing the impact of waste on the environment. *Due to processing delays, the 2021 rating is a projection based on 2020 recycling data. Source: Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health.				

Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation’s Performance Measurement Program: 2023 Report

Ramsey County participates in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation’s comprehensive performance measurement system for cities and counties. This program encourages local governments to publish and compare information on their activities. The data items were selected from a list provided by the state. Many of the items in the State system are included in the County’s own performance measures.

Public Safety: Crime Rates (per 100,000 people)	2018	2019	2020	2021
Part I Crimes (Serious Crimes)	3,472	3,779	4,051	
Part II Crimes (Other Crimes)	3,463	3,670	3,527	
Total	6,953	7,449	7,578	
Group A Offenses (per 100,000 people)				4,870
Group B Arrests				54,683
The uniform crime statistics program is a standard way of comparing crime patterns across jurisdictions. Source: State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, “Uniform Crime Report,” 2018 (Section 4.4.2), 2019 (Section 4.4.2) and 2020 (Section 4.4.2). In 2021, the UCR report changed considerably and included new terminology related to arrests (Group A vs. Group B offenses and arrests). 2021 data on Group A and Group B offenses cannot be compared to the previous years’ data.				

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Public Health, Social Services: Low Birth Weight	2019	2020	2021	2022 (preliminary)
Low birth weight births (percent of all live, singleton births with weight < 2500 grams)	6.3%	6.6%	6.8%	7.0%
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Property Records, Evaluation, Assessment: Assessment Ratios	2019	2020	2021	2022
Residential Assessment Ratio	96.40	94.78	94.30	97.72%
Apartment Assessment Ratio	96.79	97.00	97.36	95.64%
Commercial Assessment Ratio	96.80	92.89	97.62	92.72%
Industrial Assessment Ratio	93.79	98.02	97.73	92.46%
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Veterans Services: Benefits Received by Veterans	2018	2019	2020	2021
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