
Sponsor: Housing Stability

Meeting Date: 2/18/2025

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: 2025-054

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 agree to the terms of ESG grant agreements between HUD and the city, including the attached agreement covering September 3, 2024, through September 2, 2026, numbered E-24-MC-27-0007. 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 who are funded in Year One will be required to complete a Letter of Interest in place of a full solicitation response. A full solicitation process for the 2025 program year will occur by late February 2025. All ESG applicants (as well as potential new applicants) will be required to apply.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Accept a grant award and approve a grant agreement with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the city of Saint Paul for the Emergency Solutions Grant upon execution, through September 2, 2026, in the amount of \$591,281.
2. Authorize the Ramsey 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 Jebens-Singh, seconded by Commissioner McGuire.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong



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