
Sponsor: Housing Stability

Meeting Date: 10/8/2024

Title: Amendment to the Agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program

File Number: 2024-438

Background and Rationale:

The Minnesota Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) was established in 1993 to prevent or shorten the duration people experience homelessness. The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) administers the FHPAP with the guidance from the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness and the state's plan to prevent and end homelessness. The FHPAP provides funds to serve low income (less than 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines) families with dependent children, single adults, and unaccompanied and/or parenting youth (ages 24 and younger) to prevent homelessness and/or to rapidly re-house those households that are homeless.

Ramsey County works with its community partners through an FHPAP Advisory Committee, as well as the county's Continuum of Care (CoC) comprised of 64 partners and advocates, to design a homeless crisis response system, develop project outcome measures, and assess the short and long-term effectiveness of the program in meeting the needs of residents experiencing homeless. This biennium, the county, with approval from community partners, prioritized serving residents for the 2023-2025 grant cycle by providing street outreach, prevention assistance, coordinated entry, and rapid rehousing services.

Current funding for FHPAP is comprised of two grant agreements: Round 1 and Round 2. Round 1 and Round 2 have two funding sources each: Fast Track and Standard.

MHFA is amending the original grant contract for Round 1 to modify Ramsey County's work plan, increase the Standard grant proceeds of an additional \$1,218,060, and modify the payment terms to meet the needs of the grantee during the grant period. This amendment does not impact the grant end date of September 30, 2025. The amendment increases the Round 1 grant total to \$7,808,060. The amendment increases total funding between Round 1 and Round 2 to \$11,096,078.

Ramsey County Housing Stability department is amending six of its subgrantee contracts, which include:

1. American Indian Family Center
2. Merrick Community Services
3. Minnesota Community Care (also known as Westside Community Health Services)
4. Neighborhood House
5. 1 Day At A Time
6. Amherst Wilder Foundation

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program for the period upon execution through September 30, 2025, in the amount of \$1,218,060, in accordance with the rates established in the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreement.
3. 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 Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Ortega.

Motion passed.

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

By: 

Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board