



Board of Commissioners Agenda

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

July 7, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

1. **Agenda of July 7, 2026 is Presented for Approval** [2026-236](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of July 7, 2026.

2. **Minutes from June 23, 2026 are Presented for Approval** [2026-237](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 23, 2026 Minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. **Release of Storm Sewer Easement** [2026-242](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve the release of the existing storm sewer easement across a parcel of land located at 1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55113.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Release of Easement.

4. **First Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for the Administration of the Byrne Grant for the Familiar Faces Program** [2026-244](#)

Sponsors: Housing Stability

1. Approve an amendment to the joint powers agreement with the City of Saint Paul, 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 700 City Hall, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55101 for the administration of the Byrne Grant for the Familiar Faces Program upon execution through May 31, 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

5. **Gift acceptance from the Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department** [2026-241](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

Accept the 2026 gift of \$28,000 in the form of 1,400 tickets from Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department.

6. Summary of the Conclusions from the Performance Evaluation of the County Manager and Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between Ramsey County and Ling Becker, County Manager [2026-260](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the second amendment to the Employment Agreement between Ramsey County and Ling Becker, County Manager.
2. Authorize the annual salary of the County Manager to be increased effective August 1, 2026, as a reflection of distinguished performance, resulting in a salary of \$283,550.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the second amendment to the Employment Agreement.

PRESENTATION

7. Presentation: Recycling & Energy [2026-239](#)

Sponsors: Public Health

None. For information and discussion only.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Following County Board Meeting:

Housing and Redevelopment Authority Meeting
Council Chambers – Courthouse Room 300
10:00 a.m. (est.)

Board Workshop: Minnesota Resource Management Draft Report
Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room
Public access via Zoom:
Webinar ID: 923 9869 6921 | Passcode: 518162 | Phone: 651-372-8299
10:30 a.m. (est.)

Board Workshop: Opioid Response Initiative
Courthouse Room 220, Large Conference Room
Public access via Zoom:
Webinar ID: 923 9869 6921 | Passcode: 518162 | Phone: 651-372-8299
1:30 p.m.

Advance Notice:

July 14, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers

July 21, 2026 No county board meeting – National Association of Minnesota Counties Annual Conference

July 28, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers

Aug 04, 2026 County board meeting – Council Chambers



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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651-266-9200

Item Number: 2026-236

Meeting Date: 7/7/2026

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Agenda of July 7, 2026 is Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the agenda of July 7, 2026.



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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

Item Number: 2026-237

Meeting Date: 7/7/2026

Sponsor: County Manager's Office

Title

Minutes from June 23, 2026 are Presented for Approval

Recommendation

Approve the June 23, 2026 Minutes.

Attachments

1. June 23, 2026 Minutes



Board of Commissioners Minutes

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

June 23, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Miller.

- 1. Agenda of June 23, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-230](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of June 23, 2026.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

- 2. Minutes from June 16, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-231](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the June 16, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 5. Salary Schedule and Grade for New Classified Job Classifications - Occupational Safety and Compliance Administrator and Safety Officer [2026-232](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve the salary schedule and grade allocation for the new unrepresented job classifications of Occupational Safety and Compliance Administrator and Safety Officer:

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Annual Salary Schedule</u>
Occupational Safety and Compliance Administrator	102A	37	\$77,262.62 - \$115,893.94
Safety Officer	102A	35	\$74,290.99 - \$111,436.48

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-079](#)

3. Lease Agreement with Meridian Behavioral Health, LLC, dba EOSIS, for Leased Space at 402 University Avenue East, St. Paul, MN [2026-184](#)

Sponsors: Property Management, Social Services

1. Approve the lease agreement with Meridian Behavioral Health, LLC, dba EOSIS, 550 Main Street, Suite 230, New Brighton, MN 55112, for 17,300 usable square feet of space at 402 University Avenue East, St. Paul, MN 55130, for the period of July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the lease agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments to the lease agreement that do not have a financial impact.

Presented by Ling Becker, County Manager, and Sophia Thompson, Director, Social Services Department. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-080](#)

4. Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's Performance Measurement Program [2026-226](#)

Sponsors: Policy & Administrative Strategy

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.

Presented by Andrew Greenlee, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Ling Becker, County Manager. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-081](#)

ORDINANCE PROCEDURES

6. Adopt the Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027 [2026-212](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Adopt the Proposed Ramsey County Commissioner's Salary Ordinance for 2027.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [B2026-082](#)

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

No updates.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Item Number: 2026-242

Meeting Date: 7/7/2026

Sponsor: Public Works

Title

Release of Storm Sewer Easement

Recommendation

1. Approve the release of the existing storm sewer easement across a parcel of land located at 1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55113.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Release of Easement.

Background and Rationale

The applicant, Velair Development Company, is requesting that Ramsey County forever vacate the easement dated July 23, 1959, and recorded with the Ramsey County Registrar of Titles on October 16, 1959, as Document Number 409653. The easement grants Ramsey County the authority to construct and maintain a storm sewer pipe that crosses through the subject property located at 1644 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55113. The applicant will be constructing a 110-unit apartment building on the subject property. Construction is expected to commence in July 2026.

As part of this redevelopment, the existing storm sewer pipe must be removed to allow for the construction of the apartment building. A new storm sewer pipe will be constructed at a different location on the subject property, rendering this easement obsolete. The new storm sewer pipe will be owned and maintained by the City of Falcon Heights. The applicant will be recording a Drainage and Utility Easement in favor of the City of Falcon Heights for the new storm sewer pipe.

This easement needs to be released before construction of the building can begin.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

There are no racial impacts associated with this action.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement associated with this action.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. Existing storm sewer easement
2. Release of Easement

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the Village of Falcon Heights, a political subdivision of Ramsey County, Minnesota, in consideration of the storm sewer to be provided in the grading of Larpenteur Avenue (S.A.P. 62-630-01) and the benefits to accrue to it therefrom does hereby authorize and empower the County of Ramsey, its officers, agents and employees to enter upon the West 12 feet of the North 270 feet; also the West 20 feet of the South 13 feet of the North 283 feet of the following described property: The North 283 feet of the West 150 feet of the East 160 feet of the Northwest quarter (N.W. 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (N.E. 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (N.E. 1/4) Section 21, T. 29 N., R. 23 W., with all tools, machinery and equipment that may be necessary to construct the said storm sewer under and upon said property; and does hereby release and forever discharge the County of Ramsey, its officers, agents and employees from any and all damages or claims for damage that may accrue from the establishment of said storm sewer project, and it does hereby further authorize and empower the County of Ramsey, its officers, agents and employees or assigns to enter upon the said premises at any time in the future to make such repairs and to do any and all other acts as may be considered by said Ramsey County necessary to maintain the said storm sewer.

Dated this 23rd day of July, A.D., 1959.

The Village of Falcon Heights

By W. R. Utecht

Its Village Clerk

By Harold C. Nilsen

Its Mayor

In Presence of

Geop Snow
Frank R. Rhodes

State of Minnesota)
County of Ramsey)

On this 23 day of July A.D., 1959, before me appeared

W. R. Utecht and Harold C. Nilsen

who each being duly sworn did say that they are respectively the

Clerk and Mayor

of the Village of Falcon Heights, a Minnesota Corporation, the corporation named in the foregoing instrument and the seal affixed to same instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of the said corporation by authority of its Board of

Directors, and said W. R. Utecht and said Harold C. Nilsen acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

ENTERED IN TRANSFER RECORD
10-9-1959
EUGENIE A. ...
Auditor Ramsey County, Minn.
By T. C. Rhodes
Notary

Frank R. Rhodes
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minnesota

My Commission expires FRANK R. RHODES
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.
My Commission Expires Sept. 4, 1961



[Space Above Reserved for Recording Data]

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED
BY AND SHOULD BE RETURNED
AFTER RECORDING TO:

Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A. (SWA)
225 South Sixth Street, Suite 3500
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

RELEASE OF EASEMENT

The County of Ramsey, Minnesota, for valuable consideration, does hereby forever discharge and release the land legally described and depicted on **Exhibit A** attached hereto, located in Ramsey County, Minnesota, from that certain easement for storm sewer facilities as described in that certain Easement dated July 23, 1959, and recorded with the Ramsey County Registrar for Titles on October 16, 1959 as Document Number 409653.

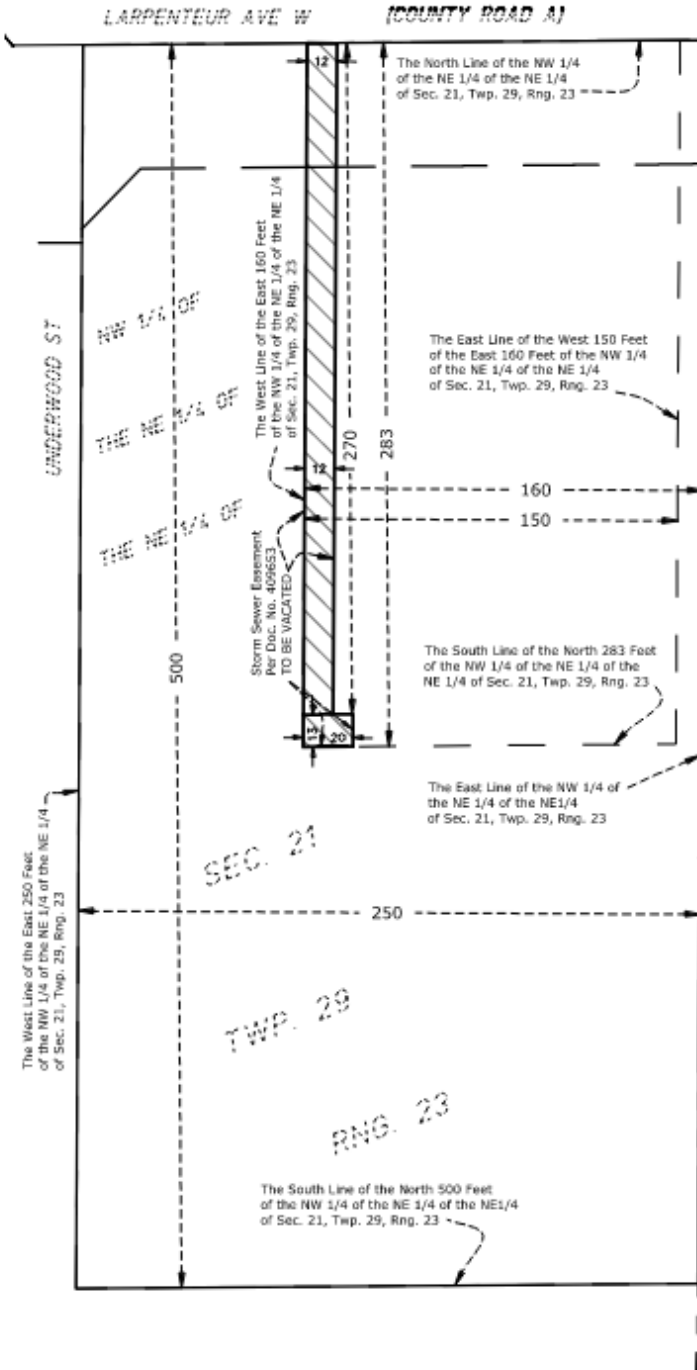
In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands this ____ day of _____, 2026.

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EXHIBIT A
(Legal Description and Depiction)

Easement Vacation Exhibit Doc. No. 409653
NW Quarter of the NE Quarter of the NE Quarter of Section 21, Township 29 N., Range 23 W.
City of Falcon Heights, Ramsey County, Minnesota



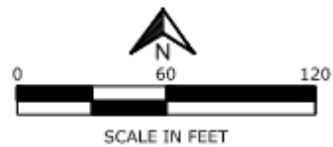
EASEMENT VACATION DESCRIPTION

That Storm Sewer Easement as described in Document No. 409653, filed in the Office of the Registrar of Titles, Ramsey County, Minnesota, said Easement being described as follows:

The West 12 feet of the North 270 feet; also the West 20 feet of the South 13 feet of the North 283 feet of the following described property:

The North 283 feet of the West 150 feet of the East 160 feet of the Northwest quarter (N.W. 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (N.E. 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (N.E. 1/4) Section 21, T. 29 N., R. 23 W.

 DENOTES STORM SEWER EASEMENT TO BE VACATED



MINNESOTA CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this survey, plan or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Land Surveyor under the laws of the State of Minnesota.
 Dated this 18th day of May, 2026

Rory L. Synstelen Minnesota License No. 44565

CivilSite
 5000 GLENWOOD AVENUE
 GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55422
 CivilSiteGroup.com

Drawn By: TH
 Project No. 25503.00 SHEET 1 OF 1

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-244

Meeting Date: 7/7/2026

Sponsor: Housing Stability

Title

First Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Saint Paul for the Administration of the Byrne Grant for the Familiar Faces Program

Recommendation

1. Approve an amendment to the joint powers agreement with the City of Saint Paul, 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, 700 City Hall, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55101 for the administration of the Byrne Grant for the Familiar Faces Program upon execution through May 31, 2027.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

Background and Rationale

In 2022, members of the [Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care <https://headinghomeramsey.org/>](https://headinghomeramsey.org/) (HHR/CoC), for which the county serves as the lead agency, developed a proposal entitled *Familiar Faces* to serve adults in Ramsey County who are homeless and have frequent interactions with outreach teams and first responders including law enforcement, fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and hospital emergency departments. Without assertive and persistent outreach and engagement, these individuals are likely to continue to cycle through these costly and often disjointed public crisis response services.

To address the issue, HHR has determined that the creation of a stable place for individuals to shelter, that also has navigable access to assistance to help address immediate and long-term needs, with a goal of individuals getting out of crisis, better decision-making, compliance with outstanding legal issues, and access to medical services and housing with supports is imperative.

The Familiar Faces program focuses on a limited group of individuals experiencing sheltered or unsheltered homelessness - the majority of whom have diagnosed, self-identified, or undiagnosed mental health and/or substance use disorders, and who have had more than 10 contacts with law enforcement and other crisis services in the previous 12 months. These individuals are identified by Metro Transit Police and its Homeless Action Team, the St. Paul Police Department (SPPD), St. Paul Fire Department (SPFD) EMS personnel, Regions Hospital, emergency shelters and other project partners including homeless outreach teams.

An extension, through May 31, 2027, of the joint powers agreement is requested to allow additional time for full implementation of the Familiar Faces program and expenditure of grant funds. Initial program development required extensive coordination among multiple public systems and community partners, as well as alignment with other available funding resources. As a result, grant expenditures occurred at a slower pace than originally projected. The extension will ensure that all awarded funds can be utilized to support program operations and achieve intended outcomes.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

The Familiar Faces program is designed to provide coordinated, person-centered engagement and stabilization services to individuals experiencing sheltered or unsheltered homelessness who have repeated contact with law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospitals, and other public systems. By prioritizing outreach, relationship-building, access to supportive services, and pathways to housing, the program seeks to reduce barriers that contribute to persistent inequities in health, housing stability, and public system involvement.

Approval of the requested extension will support the continued implementation of this initiative and allow project partners to fully utilize grant resources to serve individuals with the greatest needs, many of whom are disproportionately impacted by racial and ethnic disparities. Extending the agreement advances Ramsey County's commitment to promoting equitable access to housing, health, and supportive services while improving outcomes for historically underserved populations.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The Familiar Faces program continues to collaborate with eight partner organizations and/or local businesses and has, to date, served a total of 565 individuals.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

This grant is administered by the Ramsey County Housing Stability Department (HSD). The total grant award of \$2,000,000 includes \$200,000 in administrative support funds, which is being used within HSD. The remaining \$1,800,000 has been sub-awarded to the city of St. Paul for service costs incurred over the term of the grant.

Last Previous Action

On February 27, 2024, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners approved a grant agreement from the United States Department of Justice for the Byrne Discretionary Grants Program (Resolution B2024-037).

Attachments

1. Amended Joint Powers Agreement - City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County for Byrne Grant Administration.

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Between City of Saint Paul and Ramsey County For Byrne Grant Administration

Federal Subaward Identification Requirements

1. Subrecipient's Name: City of St. Paul
2. Subrecipient's Unique Entity Identifier: S5C3Q2AJXM83
3. Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN): 15POVC-23-GG-00249-BRND
4. Federal Award Date: 8/10/2023
5. Subaward Period of Performance Start and End Date: 11/1/2023 - 5/31/2025
6. Subaward Budget period Start and End Date: 11/1/2023 - 5/31/2025
7. Amount of Federal Funds obligated to the Subrecipient by this action by the pass-through entity: \$1,800,000.00.
8. Total amount of Federal Funds obligated to the Subrecipient by the pass-through entity, including this current obligation: \$1,800,000.00.
9. Total Amount of the Federal Award Committed to the Subrecipient by the pass-through entity: \$1,800,000.00.
10. Federal Award Project Description, as required to be responsive to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA): Familiar Faces: Engaging Frequent Users of Emergency and Shelter Services will improve the function of our local criminal justice and emergency response systems by addressing these individuals' immediate needs and reducing their reliance on these costly public services.
11. Name of Federal Awarding Agency, Pass-Through Entity, and Contact Information for awarding official of the Pass-Through Entity:
 - a. Federal Awarding Agency: Department of Justice
 - b. Pass-Through Entity: Ramsey County
12. Pass-Through Entity Awarding Official: Housing Stability Department
13. Assistance Listing Number (ALN) and Title: CFDA No. 16.753 - Congressionally Recommended Awards
14. Is award for R & D? No.
15. Indirect cost rate for the Federal Award: N/A.

I. INTRODUCTION:

The City of Saint Paul (hereinafter the "City") and Ramsey County (hereinafter the "County"), agree to enter into this Joint Powers Agreement (hereinafter the "JPA" or "Agreement") pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 471.59 for the purpose of providing for the administration of Byrne Grant (hereinafter "Grant") program (the "Grant program") activities funded by the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (hereinafter "DOJ"). The City and County each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties."

Recitals

WHEREAS, the County acts as lead agency for Heading Home Ramsey (hereinafter "HHR"), the County's Community of Care (hereinafter "CoC"): a community-wide partnership of social service and housing providers, philanthropic partners, business, community, citizens, and governments - including both City and County - committed to the goal of ending homelessness in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, HHR is responsible for planning and implementing the homeless response system in Ramsey County and carrying out specific duties defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, County submitted a proposal for a federal solicitation titled "2023 OVC FY 23 Invited to Apply- Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program" on behalf of HHR for the project titled, "Familiar Faces: Engaging Frequent Users of Emergency and Shelter Services," a proposal developed in partnership with City and other HHR partners to improve the function of our local criminal justice and emergency response systems by addressing these individuals' immediate needs and reducing their reliance on these costly public services; and

WHEREAS, Familiar Faces was included as a funded project in the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, after which County was invited to, and did, submit a full project funding application to DOJ in March of 2023; and

WHEREAS, County received official notice of the Grant award in August of 2023 ("DOJ Grant"), and in September of 2023 accepted the Grant award and requested a Grant Award Modification to subaward funds to the City of Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, City received funds for the Familiar Faces project through a direct appropriation from the Minnesota Department of Human Services' Office of Economic Opportunity for the FY2024-25 biennium; and

WHEREAS, City received funds from HUD's HOME-ARP Program that can be used for the acquisition and rehabilitation of real estate for use as emergency shelter;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing Recitals and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as of the date first written above, to enter into this Joint Powers Agreement (hereinafter "JPA") as follows:

II. PERFORMANCE AND FUNDING:

The City, through its employees, agents or contractors, will provide the services described in Section III of this JPA on behalf of County. The County, through its employees, agents or contractors, will provide the services described in Section IV herein.

The time of performance of this JPA shall be from the date this JPA is fully executed, and all necessary parties have signed, until the end of the period of performance of the DOJ Grant (the "Initial Term"). The initial Grant period of performance, subject to extension by DOJ, is June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025.

III. CITY AGREES TO:

1. Carry out Grant program activities and comply with Award 15POVC-23-GG-00249-BRND dated August 2023. The DOJ Grant award package is attached and made a part of this JPA as Exhibit A, and any subsequent Grant agreements entered into between County and DOJ during the time of performance of this JPA shall become part of this Agreement. Grant program activities include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Outreach to individuals and referral to intensive case management services; case management /care coordination services in consultation with partner agencies; and use of shelter vouchers to reimburse for use of emergency shelter and/or hotel rooms.
 - b. Outcomes including: 60 people engaged and offered referral, and 45 out of those 60 enrolled, use shelter, and complete a stability plan. Shelter vouchers will be expected to support 20-30 people staying at a shelter or hotel for 60-180 nights. Care coordination staff will each case manage up to 20 individuals with 15 people placed in long-term housing with supports; all 15 qualifying for long-term benefits such as Medical Assistance, Social Security Income (SSI), and/or Medicaid-based Housing Support.
2. Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and rules governing the services performed and funds provided under this **JPA**, including but not limited to DOJ regulations pertaining to civil rights and nondiscrimination (28 C.F.R. Parts 38, 42, and 54) and prohibitions on reprisals and notice to employees (41 U.S.C. 4712), the Uniform Administrative Requirements (2 C.F.R. 200), and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#).
3. As necessary, select Grant subrecipients or contractors competent to implement the Grant program. City will ensure compliance with applicable state and federal requirements and will also use the same selection process used by Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care to select subrecipients. The City will invite County staff to participate in the selection process.
4. Enter into contracts with any selected subrecipients or contractors. All agreements and contracts must comply with DOJ Grant requirements.

5. Manage the performance of each subrecipient or contractor under the applicable contract.
6. Submit reimbursement requests to County pursuant to Section V hereof.
7. Use HMIS to collect data and report on Grant program outputs and outcomes. Work with County to submit data reports.
8. Obtain DUNS numbers and/or Unique Entity Identifiers for all sub-subrecipients or procured contractors and confirm Central Contractor Registration for all subrecipients.
9. Fulfill all reporting requirements with respect to Grant program activities.
10. Respond to any DOJ and County communications, investigations, or audits.
11. Monitor performance measures for sub-subrecipients or procured contractors and program compliance in accordance with the scope of services of all contracts. The performance measures for each contract shall be those included in County's Grant application and the Heading Home Ramsey Continuum of Care. Grant program compliance shall be compliance with DOJ requirements. City will report and share results of compliance and performance to County representatives and work with County representatives to resolve any issues identified as subrecipient deficiencies.
12. Administer any other elements of the Grant program not specifically administered by County pursuant to Section IV hereof.

IV. COUNTY AGREES TO:

1. Oversee activities of the City through Grant program planning and Grant management, monitoring, compliance, and reporting duties.
2. Subaward to City (as a Grant Subrecipient) \$1,800,000 of Grant funds.
3. Provide information to City that is required for City to undertake the Grant program activities articulated in Section III.
4. Manage all DOJ Grant management processes, including any required Grant Award Modifications.
5. Manage all activities relating to the Grant in the DOJ JustGrants System.
6. Provide representation at all meetings where necessary.
7. Coordinate and consult with the appropriate City staff about any and all Grant program activities.
8. Communicate with the appropriate City staff in a timely manner regarding Grant funding disbursement and required Grant program reporting.
9. Risk rate and monitor the City in accordance with County subrecipient monitoring policies and DOJ Requirements.

10. Disburse DOJ Grant funds to City as provided by the procedure established by DOJ program rules.

V. GRANT AWARD FUNDS & DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURE:

1. Payments under this Agreement may be made from federal funds obtained by the County through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (Public Law 117-238), Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) No. 16.753 and Federal Award Identification Number ISPOVC-23-GG-00249-BRND ("DOJ Grant"). Therefore, City agrees to comply with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, as amended, as well as the rules of any regulatory body under the DOJ Grant award and Byrne Discretionary Community Project Funding/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program.
2. The total Grant subaward amount to the City is \$1,800,000.
3. County will draw down DOJ Grant funds from federal ASAP system and disburse them to City to reimburse allowable costs of eligible Program activities undertaken by City and sub-subrecipients or procured contractors described in Section III of this JPA in accordance with the following disbursing procedures:
 - a. For each Program activity and/or subrecipient or contractor Agreement, at least quarterly, but no more often than monthly, City will submit to County a reimbursement request setting forth the information requested therein.
 - b. At the time of submission of each reimbursement request, City shall submit such supporting evidence as may be requested by County to substantiate all payments that are to be made under the relevant reimbursement request and/or to substantiate all payments then made with respect to the DOJ Grant funds.
 - c. County will advance DOJ Grant funds for disbursement within the next 10 calendar days, per DOJ rules.
 - d. No charges may be applied to the DOJ Grant beyond the expenditure deadline contained in the applicable Grant Agreement, subject to extension agreed to by DOJ.
4. Subrecipient requirements
 - a. As a subrecipient of federal funds, City is subject to the Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements, 2 CFR 200, including sections 200.303 (internal controls), 200.330-332 (subrecipient monitoring), and Subpart f (audit requirements).
 - b. The City shall participate in ongoing monitoring activities and training provided by the County which may include, but is not limited to, check-in calls, desk reviews and on-site visits with County staff. Further, as applicable, City shall be responsible for ongoing monitoring of its subcontractors and subrecipients if those are part of the approved work plan.

- c. The City agrees to furnish the County with additional programmatic and financial information it reasonably requires for effective monitoring of services. Such information shall be furnished within a reasonable period, set by the County, upon request.
- d. The County reserve the rights to monitor files for each subrecipient or subcontractor, require City to provide results of internal monitoring to the County bi-monthly, conduct at least monthly continuous improvement reviews, require improvement plans when appropriate.
- e. The County shall maintain financial records through an accounting system which sufficiently and properly reflects all revenue received and all direct and indirect costs of any nature incurred in the performance of this Agreement as determined by the County. All financial transactions must have supporting documentation.
- f. The City shall maintain an accounting policy and procedure manual as part of a sound financial accounting system.

VI. ACCOUNTING STANDARDS, RECORDS, AUDIT REVIEW, AND INSPECTIONS:

- 1. City agrees to maintain the necessary source documentation and enforce sufficient internal controls as dictated by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) to properly account for expenses incurred under this JPA. The City shall ensure that all payments are made in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. City shall maintain appropriate segregation of duties for payment processing and related financial transactions.
- 2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 138.17 and Section 15.17, City will retain all records pertinent to expenditures incurred under this JPA in a legible form for a period of six (6) years commencing after the later of contract close-out or resolution of all audit findings. Records for nonexpendable property acquired with funds under this JPA shall be retained for six (6) years after final disposition of such property.
- 3. City agrees that County, the Minnesota State Auditor, DOJ, or any of their duly authorized representatives at any time during normal business hours, and as often as they may reasonably deem necessary, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, and transcribe any books, documents, papers, records, etc., which are pertinent to the accounting practices and procedures of City and involve transactions relating to this JPA.

VII. DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY

- 1. Both Jurisdictions must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13 or any other applicable state statutes, any state rules adopted to implement the MGDPA and related statutes, as well as federal statutes and regulations, as they apply to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated under this Agreement.

2. City is responsible to be familiar and in compliance with all specific data protections, breach notifications and associated obligations required in Exhibit A, including but not limited to ensuring written processes and procedures for reporting, within the 24 hours, an actual or detected imminent breach of personally identifiable data, and, written processes and procedures for protecting participants' identifying information.
3. City is responsible for the solicitation, safeguarding, and management of Releases of Information signed by program participants for any non-public, non-healthcare data to be shared between City, County, any subrecipients, and any other participating partner organizations for Grant program delivery. A sample of a participant Release of Information is attached as Exhibit B.
4. City is responsible for ensuring that a HIPAA-compliant Release of Information is sought and signed by program participants for any healthcare data to be shared between a healthcare provider and City, County, subrecipient, or any other participating partner organization for Grant program delivery.

VIII. MERGER AND MODIFICATION:

1. It is understood and agreed that the entire agreement between the Parties is contained herein and that this JPA supersedes all oral agreements and negotiations, or preceding memoranda of agreement, between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All Exhibits and *DOI* Grant requirements referenced in this JPA are incorporated herein by reference and deemed to be a part of this JPA.
2. Any alterations, variations, modifications, or waivers of provisions of this JPA shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing as an amendment to this JPA signed by both Parties.

IX. DEFAULT AND CANCELLATION:

It is a default of this JPA if either Party fails to perform any of the provisions of this JPA or so fails to administer the work as to endanger the performance of the JPA. In such case of default, this JPA may be cancelled as provided for herein. In the event of a default by City, County may refuse to disburse DOJ Award funds under Section V until such default is cured.

X. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:

City shall select the means, method, and manner of performing the services herein. Nothing is intended or should be construed in any manner as creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the parties hereto or as constituting City as the agent, representative or employee of County for any purpose or in any manner whatsoever. City is to be and shall remain an independent contractor with respect to all services performed under this JPA. Any and all personnel of City or other persons while engaged in the performance of any

work or services required by City under this JPA shall have no contractual relationship with County and shall not be considered employees of County.

XI. ACTS AND OMISSIONS:

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.59, Subd. 1a.(a) each Party to this JPA will be responsible for its own acts and omissions and those of its officers, agents, and employees with respect to any claims, lawsuits, or expenses for personal or property damages, losses or injuries, resulting from any activities undertaken pursuant to this JPA. Nothing herein is intended or shall result in a waiver of the defenses or immunities, or monetary limits on damages that each party is entitled to by law. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466 shall apply to any tort claims brought against County and/or City as a result of this JPA.

XII. CODE OF ETHICS:

Both the City and County must comply with County's Ethics in Procurement policy and Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. City affirms that to the best of its knowledge, City's involvement in this Agreement does not result in a conflict of interest. Should any conflict or potential conflict of interest become known to City, City shall immediately notify County of the conflict or potential conflict, specifying the part of this Agreement giving rise to the conflict or potential conflict. Unless waived by County, a conflict or potential conflict may, in County's reasonable discretion, be cause for cancellation or termination of this Agreement.

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS:

Upon termination of this JPA, any Grant proceeds in the possession of City shall be returned to County.

XIV. MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Amendments. This JPA may be amended at any time by written agreement of both parties.
2. No New Entity or Joint Board. Nothing in this JPA shall be construed as the creation of a new governmental body or a joint board, as that term is used in Minnesota Statutes Section 471.59.
3. Electronic Signatures and Documents. To facilitate execution of this JPA, the facsimile, email, or other electronically delivered signatures of the Parties shall be deemed to constitute original signatures, and facsimile or electronic copies hereof shall be deemed to constitute duplicate originals.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and Saint Paul City Council having duly approved this JPA, and pursuant to such approval, the proper City and County officials having signed this JPA, the Parties hereto agree to be bound by the provisions set forth herein.

EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE FIRST WRITTEN ABOVE

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

RAMSEY COUNTY

By: *Jaine R. Martinson*
Jaine R. Martinson (Oct 20, 2024 10:20:52 CDT)

By: *[Signature]*

Mayor or Deputy Mayor

Trista Martinson, Chair
Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

By: *J. Y.*

Director, Office of Financial Services

By: *M. Cheng* **4/18/2024**
Mec Cheng, Chief Clerk

Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

By: *N. Goodman*
Nicolle Goodman (Oct 30, 2024 13:06 CDT)

Director, Planning & Economic Development

By: *[Signature]*
Director, Housing Stability

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Portia Hampton-Flowers
Assistant City Attorney

Bradley Cousins
Assistant County Attorney

Amendment 1

This Agreement is being amended on 04/22 to extend the expiration date of the Joint Powers Agreement. The revised expiration date of the Agreement is May 31, 2027.

All other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain in effect through the term of this Amendment.

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

RAMSEY COUNTY

By: Nick A. Stumo-Langer
Mayor or Deputy Mayor

By: _____
Chair, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

By: Laura Logsdon
Director, Office of Financial Services

By: _____
Chief Clerk, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners

By: Melanie McMahon
Melanie McMahon (Apr 21, 2026 19:28:13 CDT)
Director, Planning & Economic Development

By: Jaime Wilkins
Director, Housing Stability

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Anna Cousin
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brad Cousins
Assistant County Attorney

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-241

Meeting Date: 7/7/2026

Sponsor: Social Services

Title

Gift acceptance from the Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department

Recommendation

Accept the 2026 gift of \$28,000 in the form of 1,400 tickets from Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department.

Background and Rationale

The Minnesota State Fair has a long history of charitable giving to the community and donates to organizations that meet their mission of education and community involvement. The Social Services Department (SSD) sent a letter on April 8, 2026 to Minnesota State Fair Donations inquiring about a gift of 1,400 Minnesota State Fair tickets to be distributed to residents who are served by SSD.

SSD intends to distribute these tickets to residents served through Children and Family Services, Aging and Disability Services, Mental Health Services, and Lake Owasso Residence.

The 2026 ticket value is \$20 each for a total donation of up to \$28,000.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Accepting and distributing donated tickets across all service areas in Social Services can have a positive impact on racial equity by expanding access to cultural, educational and recreational experiences.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Tickets will be distributed throughout Ramsey County to individuals and families to enhance access to education and enjoyment at the Minnesota State Fair. The State Fair tickets are meant to be inclusive for those who might not otherwise be able to attend and participate.

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Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Last Previous Action

On October 14, 2025, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners accepted donations from the Minnesota State Fair to the Social Services Department (Resolution B2025-396).

Attachments

1. 2026 Minnesota State Fair donation letter

Attachment One



The Minnesota State Fair is happy to continue our donation program for gate admission. Enclosed you will find the tickets that we are able to donate to your organization. Please understand that due to the large number of letters we receive we may not be able to send as many tickets as you have requested.

These tickets may be used on any day of the 2026 fair, as admission for any age, and have a \$20 value. Unfortunately, they cannot be used for parking on the fairgrounds.

Please treat these tickets like money, as they are not replaceable if lost or stolen.

We hope that your group enjoys their time at the 2026 Minnesota State Fair.

Sincerely,

Minnesota State Fair Ticket Office

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2026-260

Meeting Date: 7/7/2026

Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Title

Summary of the Conclusions from the Performance Evaluation of the County Manager and Second Amendment to Employment Agreement between Ramsey County and Ling Becker, County Manager

Recommendation

1. Approve the second amendment to the Employment Agreement between Ramsey County and Ling Becker, County Manager.
2. Authorize the annual salary of the County Manager to be increased effective August 1, 2026, as a reflection of distinguished performance, resulting in a salary of \$283,550.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the second amendment to the Employment Agreement.

Background and Rationale

On August 27, 2024, via Resolution B2024-168, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners appointed Ling Becker to serve as Ramsey County Manager effective September 1, 2024. An employment agreement was executed between Ramsey County and Ling Becker, County Manager ("Employment Agreement"). The Employment Agreement was amended for a term of one year from August 1, 2025, through July 31, 2026, and allows for renewable one-year terms.

Pursuant to the Employment Agreement, the County Board evaluates the performance of the County Manager every year. In addition, pursuant to the Employment Agreement, the County Board, at its discretion, may increase the salary of the County Manager after an annual review. Modifications and amendments to the Employment Agreement must be done by subsequent written agreement signed by both parties.

The Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes 13D.05 Subdivision 3(a), permits a closed meeting for a public body to evaluate the performance of an individual subject to its authority. A closed meeting was held on June 16, 2026 to evaluate the performance of the County Manager for the period of August 1, 2025 through June 16, 2026. The law further requires the public body to summarize its conclusions regarding the evaluation in an open meeting.

Over the past year, County Manager Becker has successfully led Ramsey County through a dynamic and evolving environment marked by significant opportunities and challenges, including Operation Metro Surge, major federal actions, and organizational transformation efforts. Through strong strategic leadership, thoughtful decision-making, and a focus on organizational alignment, she has guided teams across the County in delivering responsive services, advancing strategic priorities, and ensuring the organization remains focused on achieving its mission and serving residents effectively.

The evaluation of the County Manager resulted a rating of "distinguished performance."

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

A core component of the Ramsey County Board’s annual evaluation of the County Manager’s performance relates to her leadership in advancing racial equity in alignment with the organization’s mission, vision and goals. While this Request for Board Action doesn’t have a direct Racial Equity impact, Ramsey County is committed to advancing racial equity and promoting an inclusive organizational culture focusing on people, integrity, community, leadership and equity.

Community Participation Level and Impact

There is no community engagement involved with this request for board action.

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

There is sufficient funding in the County Manager’s approved 2026-2027 operating budget and will be included in the next operating biennial budget.

Last Previous Action

On June 16, 2026, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners held a closed meeting to appraise performance of the County Manager.

On July 8, 2025, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners executed the first amendment to the Employment Agreement (Resolution B2025-142).

On August 27, 2024, Ramsey County Board of Commissioner appointed Ling Becker to serve as Ramsey County Manager effective September 1, 2024 (Resolution B2024-168).

Attachments

1. None.



Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

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

Item Number: 2026-239

Meeting Date: 7/7/2026

Sponsor: Public Health

Title

Presentation: Recycling & Energy

Recommendation

None. For information and discussion only.

Background and Rationale

The Recycling and Energy Board will be providing an update on the rollout of the Foods Scraps Pickup program.

Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy is governed by the joint powers Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Board (R&E Board), which is comprised of commissioners from the two counties, as well as two ex officio members from the City of Newport and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Each county designates an alternate commissioner to serve on the board in the absence of a county's representative board member.

The Food Scraps Pickup Program is a new way for residents of Ramsey and Washington counties to recycle food scraps from home for free. It's an efficient and cost-effective method of collecting food scraps from residents' homes.

Attachments

1. Presentation



Food Scraps
PICKUP
Program®

Ramsey County Board

How It Works



Order your free supply of food scrap bags.



Collect your food scraps in the food scrap bags. At least once a week, tie a knot at the top to close the bag.



Place your food scrap bag inside your trash cart or dumpster for collection.



Done! The food scraps will be composted.

Program Availability

Ramsey County

- *Arden Hills
- *Gem Lake
- *Little Canada
- Maplewood
- *Mounds View
- *New Brighton
- *North Oaks
- North St. Paul
- *Shoreview
- *Vadnais Heights
- *White Bear Lake
- *White Bear Township

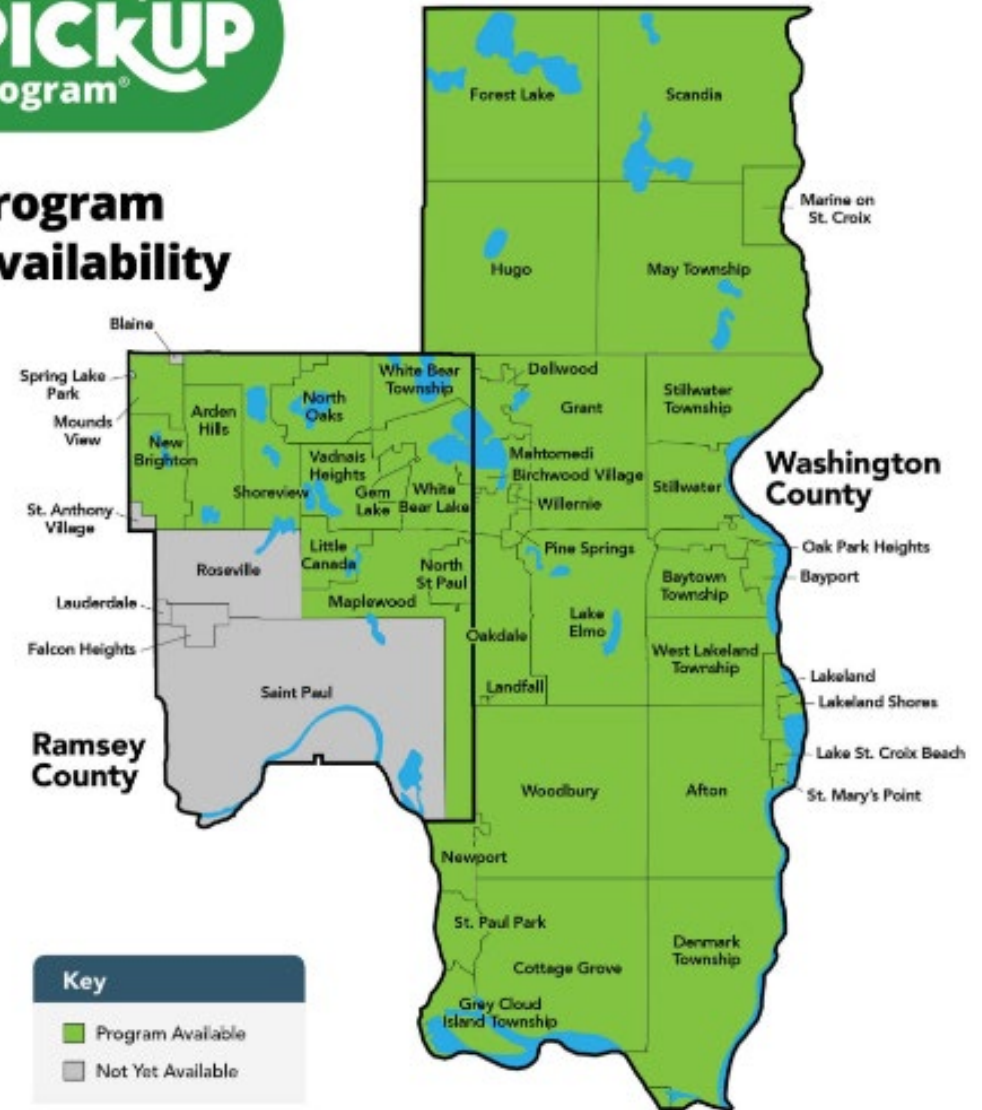
**Available starting on July 6, 2026*

Washington County

- Available in all communities as of July 6



Program Availability



Key

- Program Available
- Not Yet Available



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