
Sponsor: Housing Stability

Meeting Date: 3/14/2023

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

File Number: 2023-110

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, also known as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Governing Board, 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 families experiencing homeless. Past priorities for the FHPAP include implementation of the coordinated entry system for families and street outreach for youth. This year, the county's CoC Governing Board prioritized serving families for the 2021-2023 grant cycle by providing street outreach, prevention assistance, coordinated entry for families with minor children, and rapid rehousing services.

MHFA is amending the original grant contract to modify the Ramsey County's project plan, increase the grant proceeds of an additional \$136,500, 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, 2023.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve an amendment to the agreement with Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program upon execution, through September 30, 2023, in the amount of \$136,500, 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 Reinhardt. Motion passed.

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

Absent: - 1: Frethem

By: 
Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk - County Board