

Request for Board Action Details

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Title: Waiver of Variable Pass-Through for the Minnesota Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Criminal and Juvenile Justice Intervention Grant Program

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Recommendation

1. Approve the Waiver of Variable Pass-Through for the Minnesota Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Criminal and Juvenile Justice Intervention Grant Program in support of the Tubman organization.
2. Authorize the Board Chair and the Chief Clerk to sign the Waiver of Variable Pass-Through for the Minnesota Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Criminal and Juvenile Justice Intervention Grant Program.

Background

Tubman is a nonprofit organization which operates within Ramsey County. Tubman is currently seeking a waiver of variable pass-through from the Ramsey County Board for The Minnesota Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) Criminal and Juvenile Justice Intervention Grant Program. The Minnesota JAG Criminal and Juvenile Justice Intervention grants seek to improve public safety by supporting intervention activities for adults or juveniles who have had initial involvement and/or activities that will reduce further involvement in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. The estimated grant amount is \$150,000 - \$300,000. The project will occur over a two-year period with a start date of approximately January 1, 2021. By signing the waiver the County Board will strengthen the Tubman organization application, and concur that the proposed project will provide direct local benefit and will allow the Tubman organization to receive funds (if awarded) set aside for local government.

If funded, the Tubman project will occur in Ramsey County and focus on the intervention of youth involved in the justice system. The project will provide intensive youth case management designed to strengthen youth and family development, increase educational opportunities, work to improve cultural and community ties, and focus on youth leadership. Tubman currently offers a similar program within Ramsey County but the demand exceeds the organization's current capacity. If awarded this grant, all funds will be used to expand this program within Ramsey County.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being ☒ Prosperity ☒ Opportunity ☒ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

Tubman provides safe shelter, legal services, counseling, elder care resources, youth programming, and community education. For more than forty years, Tubman has helped women, men, children and families struggling with relationship violence, substance abuse, mental health, and other forms of trauma. The project Tubman is proposing will primarily serve youth of color between the ages of 10-17 and their families. If Tubman is awarded the grant, one hundred percent of the funds will be used to provide additional resources for youth of color within Ramsey County.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The community is informed of this action through the County Board documentation at <https://www.ramseycounty.us/your-government/leadership/board-commissioners/board-meetings-information>.

☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

Approximately \$2.3 million funds are available for the Minnesota JAG Criminal and Juvenile Justice Intervention grant. If awarded, the Tubman grant is estimate to be \$150,000- \$300,000. The JAG does not require matching funds and Ramsey County will not serve as the fiscal agent. Tubman will provide budget information as requested to the County.

County Manager Comments

County Board approval is required to authorize a Waiver of Variable Pass-Through. Signing the waiver supports the Tubman application and advances the County's effort to strengthen individuals, families, community health, safety and well-being through innovative programming, prevention and early intervention.

Last Previous Action

None

Attachments

1. Waiver of Variable Pass-Through