

Request for Board Action Details

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Title: Joint Powers Agreement with City of Saint Paul for the Transfer of Housing Trust Funds for the Purpose of Supporting Interfaith Action

Sponsors: Housing Stability

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Attachments: 1. Joint Powers Agreement, 2. Resolution

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7/12/2022	1	Board of Commissioners	approved	Pass

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Recommendation

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with city of Saint Paul for the transfer of Housing Redevelopment Authority Housing Trust Fund dollars for the period July 1, 2022, through March 31, 2023, in the amount of \$827,244.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.
3. Authorize the County Manager to approve and execute the sole source agreement with Interfaith Action of St. Paul as selected by the city of Saint Paul, provided the amounts are within the limits of available funding.

Background and Rationale

The city of Saint Paul Housing Redeployment Authority (HRA) distributes Housing Trust Funds. This fund is purposed for production, preservation and protection of affordable housing and housing strategies. To meet the needs of the financial cliff resulting from the end of the COVID response funds, the city of Saint Paul and Ramsey County will join to support Interfaith Action of St. Paul (Interfaith) family homeless shelter. Saint Paul will transfer \$827, 244 to Ramsey County. The county will in turn enter into an agreement with Interfaith. As described in the Joint Powers Agreement, the county will be responsible for complying with the Housing Trust Funds program requirements, managing agreements and performance, and aligning with Heading Home Ramsey. In July 2022, \$827, 244 will be transferred to the county; through the transfer the county will receive 5.0 % of the grant for administration.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

☒ Well-being ☒ Prosperity ☐ Opportunity ☐ Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

For the 12-month period of April 2021 to March 2022, American Indians were 14 times more likely to be homeless than whites and African Americans were about 8 times more likely than whites (rounded up from 7.6). The homeless rate for American Indians is about twice that of African Americans (14.2 compared to 7.6). During April 2021 to March 2022, data from homeless shelters and street outreach indicate that 45% of the persons were Black or African American, 31% white, 5% American Indian, 9% Latinx, and 5% Asian with 4% unknown and 9% multiple races.

Community Participation Level and Impact

The Housing Stability Department is the backbone agency to Heading Home Ramsey, a community-wide collaborative committed to the goal of ending homelessness in the cities and neighborhoods of Ramsey County. This is a coalition comprised of over 100 members including residents and representatives of social service providers, housing providers, philanthropic partners, business, community, and government.

☒ Inform ☒ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Fiscal Impact

The one-time transfer of Housing Trust Funds from the city of Saint Paul to the Ramsey County will increase grant revenue and expenditures to the 2023 Housing Stability Department supplemental budget.

Last Previous Action

None.

Attachments

1. Joint Powers Agreement