

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend 2014 purchase of service contracts with Cathedral Center and Salvation Army to provide emergency shelter care**

Issue

The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting authorization to amend 2014 purchase of service (POS) contracts with the Cathedral Center and Salvation Army for emergency shelter care.

Discussion

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has been shifting its resources towards permanent housing and this change in priorities has led shelters to seek funding from other sources to fill this gap. As a result, the 2014 Adopted Budget includes an additional \$300,000 to assist various homeless shelters.

In order to distribute the funding in the most equitable manner, the recommended allocations are based on the number of shelter beds that each agency operates. This decision was made in collaboration with the City of Milwaukee and the Shelter Task Force.

The allocation of the \$300,000 in emergency shelter funding by agency is reflected on the chart below. A majority of the emergency shelter care contracts have total values of less than \$100,000. As a result, DHHS is seeking approval of only two contracts – one with the Cathedral Center for \$217,997 and the other with the Salvation Army for \$154,080. In December 2013, the County Board approved a \$175,000 base contract for the Cathedral Center. This contract is now being increased by \$42,997 to \$217,997. The base contract for the Salvation Army was \$54,406 and is now being increased by \$99,674 to \$154,080.

Agency	# of Shelter Beds	% of Total Beds	2014 Base Contract	2014 Amendment	2014 Total Funded Amount
Cathedral Center	44	14%	\$175,000	\$42,997	\$217,997
Salvation Army	102	33%	\$54,406	\$99,674	\$154,080
*Community Advocates	36	12%	\$70,976	\$35,179	\$106,155
Sojourner Family Peace Center	46	15%	\$52,017	\$44,951	\$96,968
Guest House	38	12%	\$46,000	\$37,134	\$83,134
Hope House	13	4%	\$20,000	\$12,704	\$32,704
La Causa	12	4%	N/A	\$15,634	\$15,634
Pathfinders	8	3%	N/A	\$11,727	\$11,727
*Walker's Point YAFC	8	3%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	307	100%	\$418,399	\$300,000	\$718,399

*Community Advocates operates two separate contracts that together total \$106,155.

*Walker's Point Youth and Family Center declined funding of \$7,818. A decision was made to split these funds between La Cause and Pathfinders since they are agencies also providing youth shelter beds.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or his designee, to enter into 2014 amended purchase of service contracts with the Cathedral Center and Salvation Army as described above and enumerated in the accompanying resolution.

Fiscal Effect

The 2014 Budget includes funding to support these 2014 POS contract amendments for the Housing Division. A fiscal note form is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



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