

Attachment 1

Community Support Program Consideration Criteria

1. Initial Eligibility Screening (Mandatory Requirements)

Mandatory Requirement	Response
i. Requires a limited term (1-3 year) investment for implementation	Philanthropic pledge for additional funding with immediate implementation
ii. Does not require ongoing financial commitment by the county after 2024	One time only public funding
iii. Is within Milwaukee County's scope of services	Yes, aligns with Housing Division scope of services and purpose to...
iv. Fits into one of the following Expenditure Categories: E2) Negative Economic Impacts; E3) Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities; E4) Premium pay	E.2 Negative Economic Impacts 2.2 Household Assistance: Rent, Mortgage, and Utility Aid
v. Aligns with ARPA Task Force guiding principles (HRA21-292) including alignment with Milwaukee County's current scope of services	Yes, this program meets the guiding principles set forth by the ARPA Task Force.

2. Service Area Expert Review Criteria

i. Addresses an immediate pandemic-related need or will have a system-level impact on the upstream social determinants of health

Homeless shelters in the Milwaukee area remain under capacity due to COVID restrictions so there is a lack of current capacity in the homeless services system. This flexible rental assistance fund will give the Housing Division outreach team additional emergency housing funds for placements. By providing immediate permanent housing options through the Housing First philosophy, other services can be offered to individuals during the housing process.

ii. Intentionally increases equity

Current data of Housing Division programs show that approximately 75 percent of those being served in homeless and eviction prevention programs are African-American households.

iii. Is an evidence-based strategy

This program adheres to the Housing First philosophy of providing immediate housing access and offering voluntary services once individuals are in housing. This has helped Milwaukee County reduce homelessness by almost 50 percent since 2015.

iv. Has trackable performance indicators (long term-goals, objectives, outcomes, and outputs)

Housing Division homeless programs track data on all participants to include housing stability, improvements in overall health, and a reduction in emergency health services costs.

v. Aligns with the strategic vision and efforts of Milwaukee County strategy teams

Offering emergency rental assistance fits well within the DHHS No Wrong Door philosophy as the Division's outreach team is providing services and rental assistance to those who are directly on the street. Individuals served in this program often do not have the ability to go through traditional "doors" so services are brought directly to them. Flexible rental assistance also follows Milwaukee County's goal of achieving racial equity as 75 percent of participants have historically been African-American.

vi. Has a data collection plan, including demographic information for all expenditures (including contracts/subcontracts)

All households served are tracked in the Homeless Management Information System database.

vii. Is informed by community input and/or builds capacity of community organizations

Housing has been consistently identified as one of the main social determinates of health by health care leaders across the county. Locally, the Milwaukee community has declared that there is a large shortage of affordable housing options.

viii. Has been coordinated with local or state partners and/or includes matching funds or resources

United Way has pledged a philanthropic contribution for immediate use and future fundraising.

ix. Creates employment opportunities for Milwaukee County residents

All participants in the rental assistance program will be referred for employment services as a part of Housing First.