

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 24, 2026

To: Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Executive Director, DHHS

Subject: A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into purchase of service contracts and contract amendments to the following programs within Housing Services

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into contracts and amendments for the purchase of service contracts outlined below.

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Executive Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute these purchase of service contracts and amendments.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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BACKGROUND

The Department is requesting approval to enter into the following purchase of service contracts and amendments:

Smart Reentry Program

Housing Services has accepted Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) 2024 Smart Reentry: Housing Demonstration Project funds for the grant term of October 1, 2024 through September 31, 2027. The purpose is to increase affordable, safe housing options for Milwaukee County's Community Reintegration Center (CRC) residents reentering the community. Project activities include convening a reentry task force; supplying safe and affordable housing for CRC residents upon reentry; providing secure, stable short-term and permanent Housing Services for CRC residents upon reentry; and delivering wraparound services to meet common needs of, and provide continuity of care to, CRC residents.

Under this grant funded program, My Way Out, Inc. provides reentry services and referrals to residents at the CRC including, but not limited to counseling, housing, employment, and other related services. Housing Services is requesting to amend the current contract to extend the contract through 9/30/2027 and add \$93,983 for a total contract amount of \$274,236. The contract for My Way Out was originally authorized under File 25-580 effective January 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) provides evaluation services for the Smart Reentry program, supporting data collection and implementation of the evaluation plan. Housing Services is requesting to amend the current contract to extend the contract through 9/30/2027 and add \$68,431 for a total contract amount of \$150,944. The term of the current contract is January 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026.

Service	Provider	Current Contract	Proposed Amendment	Amended Contract
Reentry and Referrals to CRC Residents	My Way Out, Inc.	\$180,253	\$93,983	\$274,236
Evaluation Services	Medical College of Wisconsin	\$82,513	\$68,431	\$150,944
	Total	\$262,766	\$162,414	\$425,180

Continuum of Care DV Bonus Grant Programs

Supportive Housing case managers provide ongoing support and resources as needed such as income and employment, access to food, hygiene support, problem solving, and budgeting. They assist in establishing personal goals and completing an Individualized Service Plan, work with residents to maintain permanent housing, provide community resources to assist with security deposits, application fees, moving expenses, furniture and utilities. West Haven transitional housing is a 90-day placement for women who are survivors of domestic violence. Those admitted into the safe haven program will be connected to community case management and ancillary services that are conducive to their recovery and housing stability. The period for the following contracts is the federal fiscal year, October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Service	Provider	FFY 2027 Contract
Supportive Housing Case Management – Rapid Rehousing DV	The Benedict Center, Inc	\$58,500
Supportive Housing Case Management – Rapid Rehousing DV	Community Advocates, Inc	\$58,500
Housing Supportive Services – West Haven	Community Advocates, Inc	\$174,132
	Total	\$291,132

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This action item aligns with strategic plan objectives 2A (Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity and 3A (Invest “upstream to address root causes of health disparities).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to execute purchase of service contracts and amendments for the services identified at a total cost of \$453,546.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal effect expenditures associated with these contracts are offset by federal grant awards.

TERMS

The term of the contracts and amendments in this report are as follows:

Program	Provider	Term
Smart Reentry	My Way Out, Inc	1/1/2025-9/30/2027
Evaluation Services	Medical College of Wisconsin	1/1/2025-9/30/2027
SH Case Management – Rapid Rehousing DV	The Benedict Center, Inc	10/1/2026-9/30/2027
SH Case Management – Rapid Rehousing DV	Community Advocates, Inc	10/1/2026-9/30/2027
Housing Supportive Services – West Haven	Community Advocates, Inc	10/1/2026-9/30/2027

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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APPROVED BY:

Shakita LaGrant-McClain

Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services

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None

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