

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 14, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, 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 2026 purchase of service contracts and an amendment for 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 2026 purchase of service contracts and amendments for the programs described below within Housing Services.

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.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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BACKGROUND

The Department is requesting approval to purchase services with the agencies listed below for the identified services and contract amounts for the time period of January 1 to December 31, 2026. The information that follows describes services to be purchased and the 2026 recommended contract amounts:

Supportive Employment

Service	Provider	2025 Contract	2026 Proposed	2025/2026 Change
Supportive Employment Program	Grand Avenue Club, Inc.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0

Grand Avenue Club provides job coaching services for Grand Avenue Club members. The goal of this service is to provide on the job training for disabled individuals through a partnership with Housing Services.

Rent Only Payee Program

Service	Provider	2025 Contract	2026 Proposed	2025/2026 Change
Rent Only Payee Program	Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc.	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$75,000

The Rent Only Payee Program through Hope House of Milwaukee supports the housing stability of low-income residents who need assistance managing their finances by ensuring that their rent is paid. The increase in 2026 will assist an additional caseload of 40 clients.

Housing Supportive Services

Service	Provider	2025 Contract	2026 Proposed	2025/2026 Change
Housing Supportive Services – United House	Sirona Recovery, Inc.	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$0

Sirona Recovery, Inc. provides on-site services at United House permanent supported housing development. United House combines affordable housing with peer support services that help people live with stability, autonomy and dignity. These services assist individuals, who have a history with mental health, substance abuse and/or homelessness, with maintaining their individual housing unit and coordinate services with their permanent community case management agency.

Case Management Services

Service	Provider	2025 Contract	2026 Proposed	2025/2026 Change
Intensive Housing Case Management	Sirona Recovery, Inc.	\$153,000	\$153,000	\$0

Sirona Recovery, Inc provides intensive case management services for unsheltered and category 1 homeless households who need case management services to help them connect to community resources that fit the specific need of the household. Case managers utilize Housing First and Harm Reduction philosophies while working with clients to provide individualized services to establish and maintain housing stability.

Mobility-Related Services Grant

Through the Mobility-Related Services Grant, Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC) provides Housing Mobility Services to assist low-income families in utilizing their Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) to move into high-opportunity neighborhoods in Milwaukee County. This expected to reduce the number of HCV families with children living in high-poverty areas. Housing Services is requesting to amend the current contract with the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council by extending the term through December 31, 2026 and increasing the total contract by \$320,000 for a total contract amount of \$852,500.

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 for supportive services identified in the accompanying resolution at a total cost of \$756,000.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal effect as the costs for these contracts is included in the 2026 Adopted Budget.

TERMS

The term of the contracts in this report are from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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None

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