

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 3, 2024

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

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

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization for Housing Services to accept City of Milwaukee Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the amount of \$161,000 to provide additional homeless services

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization for Housing Services to accept City of Milwaukee Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the amount of \$161,000 to provide additional homeless services.

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to accept grant funds.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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BACKGROUND

As a formula grantee, the City of Milwaukee receives an allocation of Emergency Solutions Grant funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These funds can be used for a variety of homeless services. The City of Milwaukee is proposing to grant Housing Services \$161,000 to increase the amount of tenant based rental assistance available for homeless individuals, purchase homeless outreach supplies, and to allow Housing Services to purchase an additional homeless outreach vehicle.

This action requires County Board approval as there is a 100 percent match for this grant. Housing Services has existing match available for the grant in the form of Milwaukee County funded rental assistance and a salary match of existing positions. There are no additional funds needed for match.

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 Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to accept City of Milwaukee Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the amount of \$161,000 to provide additional homeless services.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal effect as the match requirement for the grant is covered by funding previously approved in the 2024 budget.

TERMS

This contract runs from September 3, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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None

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