

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-office Memorandum

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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Héctor Colón, Director, Department of Health and Human Services
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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into 2016 purchase of service contracts for the programs within the Housing Division**

Issue

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization for DHHS to execute purchase of service contracts with community agencies for the Housing Division for 2016.

Background

Approval of the recommended contract allocations will allow the Housing Division to provide a broad range of emergency shelter and supportive housing services during 2016.

Discussion

The Department is requesting approval to purchase services with the agencies listed below for the identified service and contract amounts for the time period of January 1 to December 31, 2016. The information that follows describes, by program area, the various services to be purchased and the 2016 recommended contract amount:

Emergency Shelter Care

Seven contracts for emergency shelter care and related services are recommended for continuation. Traditionally, County funding has been provided to support the agency's general emergency shelter operations. Together these contracts assist agencies in providing emergency shelter to over 300 persons every night. Contract amounts remain the same as in 2015 and include the following:

- The Cathedral Center, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Emergency Shelter Care	The Cathedral Center, Inc.	\$217,997

The Cathedral Center offers shelter to 65 women and families, as well as comprehensive medical services to assist residents in reaching the goal of independence.

- Community Advocates, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Emergency Shelter Care	Community Advocates, Inc.	\$26,777

Community Advocates meets the basic needs of 24 women and their children for food, shelter and clothing, models and teaches violence-free behaviors and options for managing conflict, encourages healthy bodies and minds and prepares women and children for their return to the community.

- Community Advocates – Family Support Center

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Emergency Shelter Care	Community Advocates – Family Support Center	\$79,378

The Community Advocates Family Support Center Emergency Shelter Program serves 450 homeless individuals and families annually. The Center also serves as an emergency shelter for families who have become homeless for reasons such as a domestic violence crisis, evictions or over-crowding. Community Advocates took over the Family Support Center from the Social Development Commission in 2011.

- Sojourner Family Peace Center

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Emergency Shelter Care	Sojourner Family Peace Center	\$96,968

Funding is used to support operations of the Sojourner Truth House (STH). The mission is to provide shelter, safety, support, education and advocacy to break the cycle of violence. The Peace Center operates a 37-bed shelter with services for battered women and their children, along with a 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline.

- The Salvation Army

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Emergency Shelter Care	The Salvation Army	\$154,080

The Salvation Army operates a 24-hour emergency shelter for 120 single adults and families with children. All residents receive housing, meals, healthcare and case management services in an effort to end their homelessness and prevent future homelessness. Residents and case management work together to resolve conflicts, secure income, and secure appropriate permanent housing in the community.

- Hope House, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Emergency Shelter Care	Hope House, Inc.	\$33,186

Hope House is an emergency and transitional housing facility providing a safe, temporary refuge for 11 people needing a place to sleep. Hope House has evolved into a complete provider of services for homeless and low-income individuals. In addition to residential services, Hope House provides community outreach to individuals needing healthcare, food distribution, financial assistance and educational opportunities for adults and children.

- Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Emergency Shelter Care	Guest House of Milwaukee	\$83,134

The Guest House provides shelter for 70-80 adult men per evening. It is the largest publicly funded emergency shelter in Milwaukee. Guest House also focuses on education, training, case management and treatment aspects associated with eradicating homelessness.

Peer Support Program-Supported Apartments

- Our Space, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Peer Support Program-Supported Apartments	Our Space, Inc.	\$97,154

This funding reflects the cost of peer specialists at the Supported Apartment Program. This program assists consumers in living independently, offering them the individual supports to promote independence and move them forward in their personal journey of recovery. There are currently 38 individuals in the Supported Apartment Program. These funds provide a peer support presence and involvement with the residents of the apartments.

Supported Apartment Program

- Transitional Living Services (TLS)

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Supported Apartment Program	Transitional Living Services	\$264,345

TLS operates supported apartments at three different locations in the County. Main Street Apartments provides housing for 16 individuals, Oklahoma Apartments has a capacity of 12

individuals and Fardale Apartments serves 38 individuals. These apartments provide the needed support for individuals to live semi-independently. Individuals residing in supported apartments typically have impairment in several areas of daily functioning. The supported apartments are considered transitional so the client and their treatment team will identify criteria that align with discharge goals that are contained in their service plan.

Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services

- Transitional Living Services (TLS) – United House

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services	Transitional Living Services – United House	\$110,000

Transitional Living Services is being recommended for funding for the 24-unit supportive housing development known as United House, located at 2500 W. Center St. Cardinal Capital is the developer of United House and manages the property. These funds will allow TLS to provide housing support services on-site.

- Our Space, Inc. – Highland Commons

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services	Our Space, Inc. -Highland Commons	\$140,000

Our Space provides on-site housing support services at Highland Commons, a 50 unit permanent supportive housing development in West Allis.

- Our Space, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services	Our Space, Inc.	\$266,529

Our Space provides on-site housing supportive services at Empowerment Village-National, Empowerment Village-Lincoln, and Farwell Studios. These three permanent supportive housing developments consist of 84 units.

- Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services	Guest House of Milwaukee	\$49,000

Guest House, Inc. provides on-site housing support services at Prairie Apartments, a joint supportive housing development with Heartland Housing, which opened in 2009. This housing development consists of 24 units.

- Mercy Housing Lakefront

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services	Mercy Housing Lakefront	\$117,142

This contract provides for on-site supportive services for Mercy Housing 103 residents at the Johnston Center Residences and Greenwich Apartments for those who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

- Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services	Guest House of Milwaukee	\$400,000

Guest House, Inc. operates a 40-unit, scattered-site permanent housing model for 40 homeless or at risk of being homeless individuals. This contract covers housing services and rental assistance.

- Milwaukee Center For Independence

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services	Milwaukee Center for Independence	\$670,000

MCFI operates a 27-unit, intensive housing model for 27 chronic homeless individuals. The goal of this program is to move quickly transition individuals living on the street or in shelters into permanent housing with services.

- Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Permanent Supportive Housing Development Support Services	Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.	\$300,000

Wisconsin Community Services is partnering with Cardinal Capital Management to provide housing support services in the harm reduction housing model created by the Housing Division.

This will fund services for individuals who are chronically homeless and due to issues such as substance abuse, have not been successfully housed at other models. The goal of this development is to decrease the use of expensive public services such as detox, emergency room visits, and police time.

Shelter Plus Care Supportive Services

- Community Advocates, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Shelter Plus Care Supportive Services	Community Advocates, Inc.	\$130,913

- Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Shelter Plus Care Supportive Services	Guest House of Milwaukee	\$130,913

Community Advocates and The Guest House provide homeless case management services for individuals enrolled in Milwaukee County’s Shelter Plus Care program. Milwaukee County receives rental assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is a HUD requirement that Milwaukee County ensures that clients receive permanent case management in Shelter Plus Care.

- Dry Hootch of America

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Shelter Plus Care Supportive Services	Dry Hootch of America	\$100,000

Dry Hootch provides outreach and homeless case management services for veterans enrolled in Milwaukee County’s Shelter Plus Care program. Milwaukee County receives rental assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is a HUD requirement that Milwaukee County ensures that clients receive permanent case management in Shelter Plus Care. This contract also covers homeless prevention services.

Safe Haven Operations

- Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc.

Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Safe Haven Operations	Guest House of Milwaukee	\$390,385

Guest House provides on-site supportive services for the Milwaukee County Safe Haven program. Safe Haven is a soft entry housing program for homeless individuals who primarily have been living on the street. Guest House employs formerly homeless individuals who work as resident managers in the program.

Chronic Homeless Case Management

The Housing Division has case management contracts that support Milwaukee County's Plan to End Chronic Homelessness that began in July 2015. These case management contracts provide wraparound case management services for men, women, and families that experience chronic homelessness. Contracts include:

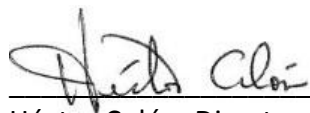
Service	Provider	2016 Allocation
Chronic Homeless Case Management	Community Advocates, Inc.	\$110,000
	Guest House of Milwaukee	\$110,000

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 purchase of service contracts for 2016 with agencies as described above and enumerated in the resolution accompanying this Board report.

Fiscal Effect

The 2016 Budget includes \$4,077,901 in funding to support the 2016 purchase of service contracts for the Housing Division. A fiscal note form is attached.



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