

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 13, 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 to enter into 2025 purchase of service contracts for programs within Housing Services

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into 2025 purchase of service contracts for the programs described below within Housing Services.

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the 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, 2025. The information that follows describes services to be purchased and the 2025 recommended contract amounts:

Housing Supportive Services

Washington Park and Grandview Apartments combine affordable housing with 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. The additional proposed funding for 2025 will allow the provider to increase on site case management services to ensure continuity of care for residents.

Service	Provider	2024 Contract	2025 Proposed Contract	2025/2024 Change
Housing Supportive Services – Washington Park and Grandview Apts	United Methodist Children’s Services dba Rooted & Rising – Washington Park	\$20,000	\$57,500	\$37,500

The Keys to Independence Permanent Supportive Housing program provides 35 formerly homeless clients with subsidized housing. This program combines affordable housing with peer support services and case management that help people live with stability, autonomy and dignity.

Service	Provider	2024 Contract	2025 Proposed Contract	2025/2024 Change
Keys to Independence	Wisconsin Community Services, Inc	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$0

The Thurgood Marshall Apartments Permanent Supportive Housing program provides permanent housing with a housing first/harm reduction model for 24 formerly homeless individuals who have a history of substance abuse. The goal of this development is to decrease the use of expensive public services such as detox, emergency room visits, and police time.

Service	Provider	2024 Contract	2025 Proposed Contract	2025/2024 Change
Housing Supportive Services – Thurgood Marshall Apts	Wisconsin Community Services, Inc	\$305,000	\$305,000	\$0

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 execute purchase of service contracts for supportive services identified in the accompanying resolution at a total cost of \$782,500.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal effect as the funding for these contracts is included in the 2025 Adopted Budget.

TERMS

The term of the contracts in this report are from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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None

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