

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 18, 2022

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 approval to amend a purchase of service contract with Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc. to operate the Pathways to Permanent Housing Program

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to amend a purchase of service contract with Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc. to operate the Pathways to Permanent Housing Program.

POLICY

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to execute a purchase of service contract.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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BACKGROUND

Pathways to Permanent Housing is a 27-unit, intensive housing model for 27 homeless individuals. The goal of this program is to quickly transition individuals living on the street into permanent housing with services. Services and meals are provided on site, 24 hours a day. This contract went out for a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) in 2021. Sirona Recovery Services was issued an emergency contract to operate the program based on the results of that RFP.

At the end of 2021, Sirona Recovery Services notified the Department of Health and Human Services it could no longer fulfill the contract. After speaking with vendors that previously responded to the RFP, Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc. was the sole agency that indicated it had an ability to meet the contract based on the amount funded as well as implement the

services needed in a short period of time.

DHHS entered into an emergency contract with Guest House for \$99,000 for the time period of February 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. This report authorizes DHHS to amend this contract for full funding during this contact period by increasing the existing contract by \$515,167 to \$614,167.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Providing housing related services for those who are homeless in Milwaukee County is aligned with determining what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity.

FISCAL EFFECT

There is no fiscal effect as funds were included in the 2022 adopted budget within the Housing Division.

TERMS

This contract runs from February 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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