

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
**Inter-office Memorandum**

**DATE:** May 21, 2021

**TO:** Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Shakita LaGrant McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
*Prepared by James Mathy, Administrator, Housing Division*

**SUBJECT:** **From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization for release of \$250,000 in contingency funding allocated in the 2021 DHHS Budget to support housing-related contracts**

**Issue**

The Director, Department of Health and Human Services, is requesting authorization to release \$250,000 in funding being held in contingency as part of the 2021 Budget as well as to enter into supportive housing-related contracts in the same amount.

**Background**

As part of an amendment to the 2021 DHHS Budget, the Milwaukee County Board authorized \$250,000 for the Housing Division to implement housing-related services to further the mission of reducing homelessness. The amendment requested that the Housing Division report back to the board with a proposed spending plan and a request to release the funds from contingency.

**Discussion**

The Housing Division is recommending the contingency funding be allocated to the following contracts and activities:

**Fiscal Agent Services for Housing Start-up Costs: \$93,750 – Community Advocates and \$93,750 Hope House**

Although the Housing Division has increased various affordable housing options for those exiting homelessness, funding is still needed for costs associated with the transition into housing. These two contracts will be used for application fees, security deposits, and related start-up costs for participants to move into permanent housing.

**On-site Supportive Services at United House: \$25,000 - Serona Recovery Inc.**

An amendment of \$25,000 is being proposed to augment the on-site services provided at United House to ensure an adequate level of staffing at this permanent supportive housing location. A contract of \$113,000 was approved in December 2020 (File No. 20-876) and the amendment would increase the contract to \$138,000.

**On-site services at West Haven: \$37,500 – Provider to be determined**

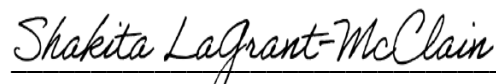
West Haven is a new program to transition victims of domestic violence from the street into safe, temporary housing. Housing navigators then work to locate safe, permanent housing options for victims. These funds will assist with on-site services at the location of the program. The Housing Division will allocate these funds when a provider is selected.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to utilize \$250,000 in contingency funding for the services identified in the accompanying resolution.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no direct fiscal impact on Milwaukee County as these funds were allocated in the 2021 budget.

  
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