

City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

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Subject:

Agreement extension between Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis regarding the Office to End Homelessness

Description:

Authorizing an amendment to the memorandum of understanding between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County extending the agreement to support the Office to End Homelessness through the period covering the 10-year plan to end homelessness ending Dec. 31, 2016.

Previous Actions:

On February 11, 2011, the City Council authorized execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Hennepin County for the Office to End Homelessness.

Ward/Address:

All Wards

Background/Analysis:

The MOU outlines the responsibilities for managing and supporting the Director of the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness position.

The Minneapolis/Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness was created to lead the implementation of the City/County Plan to End Homeless: Heading Home Hennepin. The initiative has engaged over 125 non-profit, faith, and business partners, as well as multiple city and county departments in the implementation of the plan. The office coordinates activities, addresses system and policy issues, provides public education, fundraises for various initiatives within the plan, and convenes key internal government and community stakeholder meetings. In addition to managing the Office to End Homelessness, the Director of the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness is a joint position between the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County and represents the city and county on matters related to homelessness in the media, out in the community, and often at the Legislature.

The MOU expired on 12/31/15. It is recommended that the MOU be extended for one year through the execution of a First Amendment to the MOU to be coterminous with the Heading Home Hennepin plan, which extends through the end of 2016. A plan for addressing

homelessness after the Heading Home Hennepin plan is expected to be presented to the Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee of the City Council in the second quarter of 2016.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

Pursuant to the MOU, Hennepin County has provided office space and overhead support for the Director of the Minneapolis/Hennepin County Office to End Homelessness and reimbursed the City of Minneapolis \$43,000 annually for salary and benefit expenses.