

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

Chair: Angela Conley, District 4
Vice-Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5

BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
1:30 PM

Members: Mike Opat, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Jan Callison, District 6
Jeff Johnson, District 7

Commissioner Conley, Chair, called the meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee for Tuesday, August 6, 2019 to order at 1:58 PM. All Commissioners were present.

1. Minutes From Previous Meeting

A. Minutes 7-23-2019

APPROVED

Commissioner Mike Opat moved to approve the Minutes from the Previous Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando and approved - 7 Years

2. New Business

Routine Items

A. **19-0292**

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with providers – Report 1912

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved to adopt, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando and approved - 7 Years

B. **19-0293**

Agmt PR00001274 with Bluespire, Inc. to conduct consumer and stakeholder research in support of member enrollment and stakeholder education goals, 08/13/19-03/31/20, NTE \$75,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Marion Greene moved to adopt, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando and approved - 7 Years

Items for Discussion and Action

C. **19-0294**

County Neighborhood Revitalization Program funding request for street outreach services, \$74,309 (second 7.5%)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved to adopt, seconded by Commissioner Mike Opat and approved - 7 Years

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Board Action Request 19-0294

Item Description:

County Neighborhood Revitalization Program funding request for street outreach services, \$74,309 (second 7.5%)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approves the \$74,309 County Neighborhood Revitalization Program funding request (second 7.5% funding) to supplement funding for a street outreach worker to assist with reducing homelessness in the community.

Background:

Board Resolution 95-10-712R1 established guidelines and a funding allocation formula for Hennepin County Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funding (second 7.5% funding). The total amount allocated for Minneapolis neighborhoods was \$1,900,000, as approved under the county NRP funding formula. A total of 70 allocations were made from the fund, the most recent of which was in September 2014, approved by Board Resolution 14-0275 on July 17, 2014. Nearly all of this fund has been spent with a remaining balance of \$74,309, according to City of Minneapolis Community Planning & Economic Development staff. There are no neighborhood plans for this remaining balance, so it is available for a use consistent with the guidelines established by the Board.

This request seeks the allocation of remaining Hennepin County NRP funds to contract with St. Stephen's Human Services for an additional street outreach worker. Street outreach workers connect closely with the County's Coordinated Entry System and other support service organizations. This funding adds to other funds already leveraged for the street outreach program, both public and private.

The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood and some other Minneapolis neighborhoods have included services to address homelessness in their NRP plans and were allocated funding for this purpose in the past. Also, with the recent increase in unsheltered homelessness in Hennepin County, there is a need for more capacity in outreach services along the Midtown Greenway and other areas for this population.

This funding allocation request is consistent with those neighborhood plans and the increased need in the community and meets the guidelines established in Board Resolution 95-10-712R1. Approval by the County Board will provide authorization needed for the City of Minneapolis Finance Department to release funding for contracting with St. Stephen's Human Services for this purpose.