

## RESOLUTION

### Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

#### RESOLUTION: 25-0146

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At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, and seconded by Commissioner Goettel, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005029 with The Improve Group for conducting additional evaluation of the recently completed guaranteed basic income pilot, during the period of March 22, 2023, through December 31, 2025, increasing the not to exceed amount from \$300,000 to \$400,000; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair be authorized to sign the agreement and related documents on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

#### Background:

In June 2022, Resolution 22--210 R1 authorized up to \$10,000,000 to create a guaranteed basic income (GBI) pilot program to support residents disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. GBI programs disbursed regular, unconditional cash payments directly to eligible participants for the duration of the program. Hennepin County's GBI pilot program - Raise the Baseline - ran from August 2023 to December 2024.

On April 11, 2023, Resolution 23-0105 authorized a \$300,000 contract with the Improve Group to conduct a mixed-methods evaluation service. The Improve Group has already conducted three rounds of data collection with the Raise the Baseline participants, during and immediately after GBI payments ended.

Amendment 1 to the agreement will provide for a fourth phase of engagement with participants six to eight months after project completion. This additional data will help the county understand medium-term impacts on education, employment, housing, health, connectivity, financial security, and well-being. This contract amendment will provide an additional \$100,000, increasing the contract not-to-exceed amount from \$300,000 to \$400,000. These funds are already included within the 2025 Disparity Reduction Administration department budget.

**Current Request:** This request seeks authorization to negotiate Amendment 1 to Agreement PR00005029 with The Improve Group to conduct additional evaluation of the county's GBI program, during the period March 22, 2023, through December 31, 2025, increasing the not to exceed amount to \$400,000.

**Impact/Outcomes:** Authorization of this request will allow additional evaluation to better understand the results of the recently completed GBI pilot program.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 5/6/2025

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

**Aye:** 7 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Goettel

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