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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

1:30 PM

Chair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Vice Chair: Angela Conley, District 4
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Kevin Anderson, District 7

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. April 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [HS-COMMITTEEMINUTES-08-Apr-2025](#)

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0150](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2506

Attachments: [HSPH Board Report 2506 4-24-2025](#)

2.B. [25-0151](#)

JPA A2512771 with the City of Eden Prairie expanding services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker program, 04/01/25-12/31/26

2.C. [25-0152](#)

JPA A2512817 with the City of Mpls to accept HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funds for rapid rehousing services for homeless persons, 06/01/24-09/30/26 for \$294,711 (recv)

2.D. [25-0153](#)

JPA A2512834 with the City of Mpls to accept HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter essential services, 01/01/25-04/30/26, \$100,000 (recv)

2.E. [25-0154](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt A2311975 with MN DHS to extend an Emergency Services Program (ESP) grant for family emergency overflow shelters, ext end date to 06/30/27, incr recv amt by \$3,500,000 for a new total recv amt of \$7,000,000

Items for Discussion and Action2.F. [25-0155](#)

Agmt A2412592 with MN DHS to fund implementation of the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act SFY 2025 and 2026, 10/01/24-06/30/26, \$2,500,000 (recv)

2.G. [25-0156](#)

JPA A2512836 with MN DHS to fund implementation of the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act SFY 2025 and 2026, 10/01/24-06/30/26, \$500,000 (recv)

Addendum2.H. [25-0180](#)

JPA A2512848 with the City of Mpls for HUD ESG and City funding for street outreach, 01/01/25-04/30/26, \$300,000 (recv)

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Board Action Request

TMP-25-0281

Item Description:

April 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Commissioner Heather Edelson, Chair, called the meeting of the Human Services Committee for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 to order at 2:33 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Jeff Lunde and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. March 18, 2025 Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Minutes.

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

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0123](#)

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2505

CONSENT

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Resolution.

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

There being no further business, the Human Services Committee for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 was declared adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Sheri Selton
Deputy Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

25-0150

Item Description:

Human Services & Public Health resolution, including contracts and amendments to contracts with provider - 2506

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the contracts, contract amendments and administrative actions of the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation made pursuant to chapters 256E and 393 of Minnesota Statutes, as detailed in Human Services & Public Health Contract Report 2506 be approved; that the report be filed in Contract Management Services; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the contracts, contract amendments, and administrative actions on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed. Such contracts are subject to ministerial adjustment when such adjustments are done within the constraints of the approved Hennepin County Budget and when signed by the County Department Director or Designee.

Background:

The contracted dollar amounts are based on estimates of program costs and/or utilization during prior periods. Funding for each contract is provided for within service categories in the Human Services & Public Health Department and Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation approved annual budgets. Occasionally new services are implemented which are not in the budget, but which are fully funded under state or federal grants or other new funding.

Contracted dollar estimates are based upon prior year usage and are subject to fluctuation in placement patterns, service need, and cost shifts. Therefore, it may be necessary to process ministerial adjustments to contracts to increase or decrease contract amounts or to make minor service changes consistent with the department budget and strategic plan. Placement agreements are also processed administratively.

Contracts include services in the following areas: adult mental health; developmental disabilities; chemical health; adult housing; early intervention and family intervention services, interpreter services, health services, welfare advocacy, and various other human services. Expectations for ongoing outcome measurement are included in all new, renewal, or extended contracts. Outcome measures, which are developed by the county and contracted providers, assess the effectiveness of a service and its impact on an eligible recipient's condition or functioning level. Outcome information is used to modify or improve programs as well as to evaluate effectiveness of different types of intervention and providers. A detailed listing of the specific actions requested by this BAR and an explanation of all unusual items is reflected in the summary of the report.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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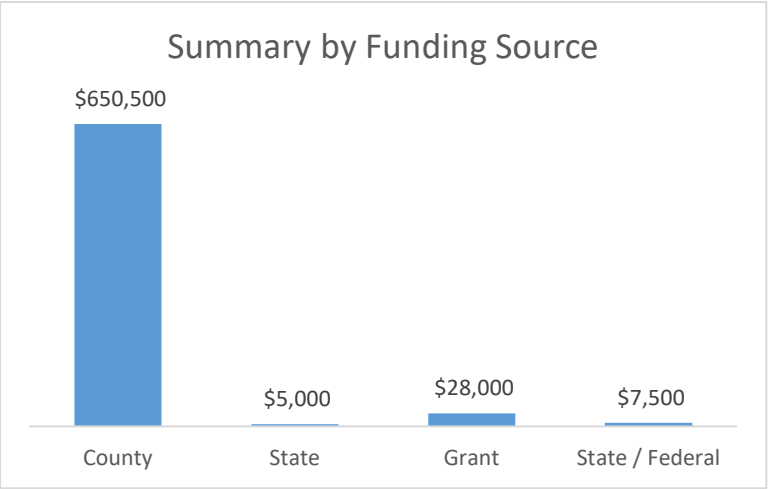
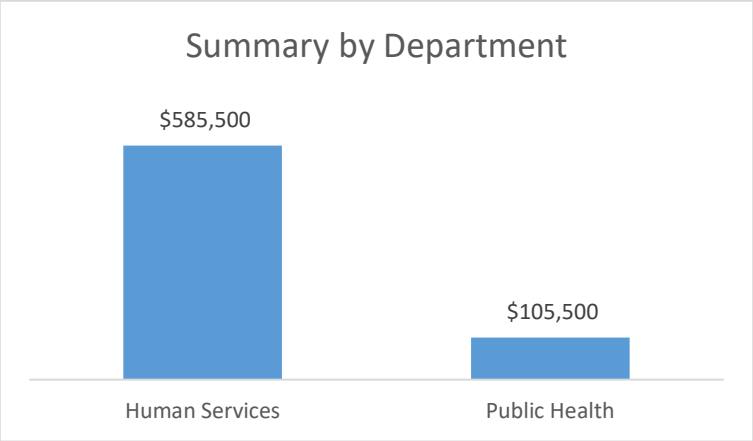
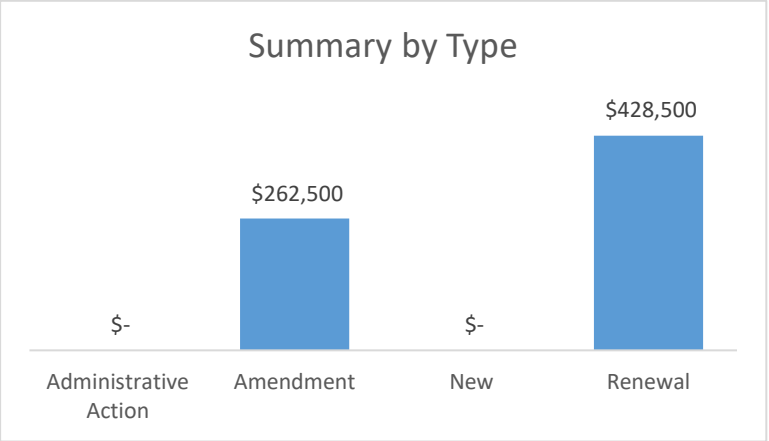
Human Services and Public Health Contract Report #2506

Date: 04/24/2025
To: Clerk of the County Board
From: Human Services and Public Health
Subject: BAR Number 25-0150
Board Action Date: 05/06/2025

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Summary of Contract Actions

Action Type/Department/Service Area	# of Actions	Action Total
Administrative Action		\$0
Amendment	15	\$262,500
Human Services	6	\$157,000
Public Health	9	\$105,500
New		\$0
Renewal	3	\$428,500
Human Services	3	\$428,500
Grand Total	18	\$691,000



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New Contracts			
Department	Number	Amount	
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$	-
Hennepin Health	0	\$	-
Human Services	0	\$	-
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$	-
Public Health	0	\$	-
Total	0	\$	-

Renewed Contracts			
Department	Number	Amount	
Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$	-
Hennepin Health	0	\$	-
Human Services	3	\$	428,500
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center	0	\$	-
Public Health	0	\$	-
Total	3	\$	428,500

Amended Contracts			
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Community Corrections and Rehabilitation	0	\$	-
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Vendor	Contract #	Service/Outcome	Service Area	Department	Contract Begin Date	Contract End Date	Previous Contract NTE	New Contract NTE	Funding Source	Notes
New Contracts										
None	-	-							-	-

Renewed Contracts										
FamilyWise Services	HS00001980	Supervised visitation services for residents as ordered by Hennepin County Family Court.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	7/1/2025	6/30/2029	\$0	\$114,250	County	-
The Price Dynamic Inc.	HS00001979	Supervised visitation services for residents as ordered by Hennepin County Family Court.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	7/1/2025	6/30/2029	\$0	\$114,250	County	-
Change Starts With Community	HS00001982	Youth group violence intervention for program participants.	Safe Communities	Human Services	4/1/2025	3/31/2026	\$0	\$200,000	County	-

Amended Contracts										
Reach for Resources, Inc.	HS00000809	Parenting Capacity Services for families involved in Child Protection.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	7/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$1,201,642	\$1,343,642	County	Extends to 12/31/25 and adds budget and NTE for extension period.
NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, Inc.	HS00001889	Healthy, culturally relevant food distribution, including food shelf and mobile food shelf programs, for residents experiencing food insecurity.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$130,000	\$130,000	County	Updates additional understandings to include background checks.
The Link	HS00000603	Case management services for residents who have been through the Juvenile Supervision Center and have agreed to participate in aftercare services.	Safe Communities	Human Services	1/1/2021	12/31/2025	\$2,128,500	\$2,128,500	County	Extends to 12/31/25.
Washburn Center for Children	HS00000445	Outpatient mental health services for children under 21.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2020	12/31/2025	\$350,000	\$350,000	County	Updates service description, scope of services, and rates.
Bellis	HS00001904	Parental loss support groups for Project Child participants and female/female identifying residents ages 18 and older, reside in Hennepin County and are under the jurisdiction of Hennepin County DOCCR Adult Probation/Parole.	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2025	3/31/2026	\$6,003	\$21,003	Grant	Extends to 3/31/2026, adds DOCCR, and updates service narrative, performance measures, budget, and financial narrative. Medica grant.
Minnesota Care Counseling Services, Inc.	HS00001227	On-site activities, psycho-social rehabilitation services, and linkages to other services for residents with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI).	Behavioral Health	Human Services	1/1/2023	12/31/2025	\$1,659,670	\$1,659,670	State	Updates additional understandings clause to accommodate repayment to county plus interest. Adult Mental Health Initiative grant.
Rebound	HS00001902	Out of home placement services for females aged 12-21.	Children & Family Services	Human Services	2/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$0	\$0	County	Updates service description, scope of services, and rates.
Ravin Consultants, LLC	PR00004891	Development of a pharmaceutical rebate revenue program for the public health clinic.	Public Health Clinical Services	Public Health	12/1/2022	11/30/2026	\$180,000	\$260,000	County	Extends to 11/30/2026, increases NTE, and updates scope of services.
Cribs for Kids, Inc.	PR00006010	Purchase of children's cribs and accessories.	Public Health Family Health	Public Health	3/1/2024	12/31/2028	\$82,800	\$90,300	State / Federal	Increases 2025 budget and NTE. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Strong Foundations Family Home Visiting grant.
Brooklyn Center Community Schools - ISD 286	PR00006419	Expand staff knowledge of and skills in trauma-informed practices.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	8/15/2024	9/30/2025	\$10,000	\$15,000	State	Extends to 9/30/25, increases NTE, and revises scope of services. Statewide Health Improvement Partnership grant.
Every Meal	HS00001878	Healthy, culturally relevant food distribution, including mobile food shelf program, for residents experiencing food insecurity.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$60,000	\$73,000	Grant	Increases 2025 NTE and updates scope of services and budget. UCARE grant.

Vendor	Contract #	Service/Outcome	Service Area	Department	Contract Begin Date	Contract End Date	Previous Contract NTE	New Contract NTE	Funding Source	Notes
Lowry Hill East Neighborhood Association	HS00001883	Healthy, culturally relevant food distribution, including food shelf and mobile food shelf programs, for residents experiencing food insecurity.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$60,000	\$60,000	County	Updates additional understandings to include background checks and updates budget.
People Reaching Out to Other People Inc	HS00001890	Healthy, culturally relevant food distribution, including food shelf and mobile food shelf programs, for residents experiencing food insecurity.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$80,000	\$80,000	County	Updates additional understandings to include background checks.
People Responding in Social Ministry	HS00001866	Healthy, culturally relevant food distribution, including food shelf and mobile food shelf programs, for residents experiencing food insecurity.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$115,000	\$115,000	County	Updates additional understandings to include background checks.
Second Harvest Heartland	HS00001860	Healthy, culturally relevant food distribution, including meal program, for residents experiencing food insecurity.	Public Health Strategic Initiatives	Public Health	1/1/2025	12/31/2025	\$175,000	\$175,000	County	Updates service description, scope of services, and budget.
Administrative Actions										
None	-	-								

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Board Action Request

25-0151

Item Description:

JPA A2512771 with the City of Eden Prairie expanding services of the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker program, 04/01/25-12/31/26

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, Joint Powers Agreement A2512771 with the City of Eden Prairie to enhance the coordination between local police departments and the Human Services and Public Health Department associated with the Hennepin County Embedded Social Worker program during the period April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026 be approved; and that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the County.

Background:

In 2019, six cities partnered with Hennepin County's Behavioral Health Area to pilot embedding social workers in their police departments for a tailored response for 911 calls related to mental health and substance use issues. The Department requests approval for Joint Powers Agreement to expand access to the Embedded Social Worker Program in the Eden Prairie Police Department by adding a second embedded social worker.

The goal of the program is to reduce unnecessary law enforcement contacts, justice involvement and improve stability for individuals through engagement, assessment and connection to ongoing community-based supports in their community. In 2024, the Embedded Social Worker program received over 7,500 referrals resulting in more than 5,000 connections to community services across 31 police departments and 45 municipalities. While a significant number of people were referred to mental health supports, many needed help across a wide range of human services like housing and economic support.

This request supports the county's identified priorities and goals for the disparity reduction Health domain by focusing on achieving health equity where every person feels they have the opportunity to attain their highest health potential, and no one is disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of social position or other socially determined circumstances.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0152

Item Description:

JPA A2512817 with the City of Mpls to accept HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funds for rapid rehousing services for homeless persons, 06/01/24-09/30/26 for \$294,711 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreement A2512817 with the City of Minneapolis accepting a sub grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Emergency Solutions Grant funds for rapid rehousing services for persons experiencing homelessness, during the period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026, in the receivable amount of \$294,711 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is a formula grant program. Eligible recipients generally consist of metropolitan cities, urban counties, territories, and states. The City of Minneapolis receives approximately \$966,262 in an annual ESG grant from HUD. The City's Consolidated Plan allocates the grant to shelter rehabilitation and street outreach, to rapid rehousing and homeless prevention, and administration. Like Hennepin County, the City of Minneapolis prioritizes rapid rehousing (RRH) over homeless prevention. Sub-granting the ESG funds dedicated to rapid rehousing from the City to the County will:

- Leverage the County's expertise in social services, and
- Improve alignment with the County's existing rapid rehousing contracted providers and service standards.

Hennepin County will use the ESG funds from the City for rapid rehousing assistance. Rapid rehousing services resettle people experiencing homelessness quickly to permanent housing through housing relocation and short-term and/or medium-term rental assistance. Funds will support housing for single adults, with referrals made through the Coordinated Entry System.

Organizations funded to provide services through this grant include:

- Agate Housing and Services (fka St. Stephen's Human Services)
- Vail Place

Impact/Outcomes: The following are the performance measures for the Minneapolis ESG funded Rapid ReHousing programs, and as funded under the most recent JPA:

1. Percent of households that exited the program to permanent housing: 80%

2. Average number of days for households to move from homelessness into housing: 54 days

Actual results of measure #1 for the period of 7/1/24 to 6/30/2024 (most recent data available): 67%. The results of 67% permanently housed at exit is comparable or better than other singles RRH programs and reflects the fact that many households decline services or disappear before they can move into housing and become stabilized. Looking at the subset of those who move into housing, 77% of people were permanently

housed at exit.

Current request: This action approves the Joint Powers Agreement A2512817 with the City of Minneapolis.

Disparity Reduction: This request reduces disparities in the housing domain by funding assistance and services that quickly move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing. In a typical year, 70-80% of households served in RRH are people of color and who are disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability. Among the funded providers (and across RRH more generally) people of color exit to permanent housing at comparable (or better) rates than Caucasians.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0153

Item Description:

JPA A2512834 with the City of Mpls to accept HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter essential services, 01/01/25-04/30/26, \$100,000 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreement A2512834 with the City of Minneapolis accepting a sub grant of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") funding for emergency shelter essential services, during the period of January 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 in the receivable amount of \$100,000 for, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if these grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis jointly work together to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. Hennepin County acts as the lead entity in setting strategy and providing services, while the City supports the effort by working to build permanent supportive housing, supporting shelter capital improvements, and directing federal funds that it receives for responding to homelessness in consultation with Hennepin County and community partners. The County and City, together with State, nonprofit and philanthropic partners, have fundamentally reshaped the homelessness response system since March 2020. These requests will serve to streamline homelessness response activities to enable the County to oversee funds and services that are best match for the County's expertise and where it is best situated to do so.

This Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding from the City, used for the provision of emergency shelter essential services in alignment with US Department of HUD ESG standards, will provide essential services in emergency shelter for homeless Eligible Persons. These services will include housing focused case management to shelter guests. This includes creating a housing plan in partnership with the shelter guest, connecting the shelter guest to benefits and community resources, breaking down housing barriers, joining with the person to find housing, and connecting them to supportive services once housed. In 2023, Simpson shelter's housing focused case managers helped 61 guests or 36% of guests they provided case management services to obtain housing.

These services are provided through contract #HS00001257 with Simpson Housing Services.

Current action: Approve JPA A2512834 with the City of Minneapolis for HUD ESG funding for emergency shelter essential services for a new total receivable NTE amount of \$100,000, for the term from January 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026.

Disparity Reduction: This request reduces disparities in the housing domain by coordinating funding assistance and services for people experiencing homelessness. Most often these are people who are

members of groups disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0154

Item Description:

Amd 1 to Agmt A2311975 with MN DHS to extend an Emergency Services Program (ESP) grant for family emergency overflow shelters, ext end date to 06/30/27, incr recv amt by \$3,500,000 for a new total recv amt of \$7,000,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Agreement A2311975 with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to accept an Emergency Services Program grant for family emergency overflow shelter operations and support services, extending the contract through June 30, 2027 and increasing the receivable amount by \$3,500,000 for a new total receivable amount of \$7,000,000, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse the funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) through its Homelessness, Housing, and Support Services Administration (HHSSA) awards Emergency Services Program (ESP) funding available every two years through a competitive application process. This funding supports emergency shelter, motel vouchers, day shelter and essential services for children, unaccompanied youth, single adults and families who are experiencing homelessness throughout the State of Minnesota.

Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health applied for this funding in response to the most recent application process in 2023 and received funding for the SFY 2024-2025 biennium. In November 2024, HHSSA notified Hennepin County of an automatic extension to the ESP grant funding, adding \$3,500,000 to the allocation for an additional two years. The total ESP allocation awarded to Hennepin County is \$7,000,000 for services provided July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

Hennepin's original application was for \$28,773,365 to reflect the true cost of various outreach and emergency shelter programs for the 2023 to 2025 state fiscal biennium. The priority was to seek support towards the significant costs of family overflow shelter. An amendment to the 2024 budget was submitted for funds to be used in 2024, pending approval.

Hennepin County was awarded a second biennial amount of \$3,500,000 to support family emergency overflow shelter operations and services. The grant award will fund a proportion of the County's multi-site Family Overflow Shelter Program, at a daily capacity of 40 households and 60 household per year. This includes funding 3.5 FTE positions for support and program staff and management.

Current Request: This action is to approve Amd 1 to Agmt A2311975 with DHS and accept \$3,500,000 in funding. The grant will support Hennepin County HSPH's operations and support services for the multi-site

Family Overflow Shelter Program.

Impact/Outcome: This action will provide financial support towards Hennepin County's commitment to shelter families that have no other options and need emergency shelter while experiencing homelessness.

Disparity reduction: This request reduces disparities in the housing domain by providing assistance and services for people experiencing homelessness. Most often these are people who are members of groups disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Item Description:

Agmt A2412592 with MN DHS to fund implementation of the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act SFY 2025 and 2026, 10/01/24-06/30/26, \$2,500,000 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement A2412592 with Minnesota Department of Human Services to fund implementation of the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act SFY 2025 and 2026, during the period of October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in the receivable amount of \$2,500,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 2.0 FTE be added to the 2025 Human Services and Public Health Budget; and

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Background:

Hennepin County Children and Family Services has received funds from the Minnesota Department of Human Services to phase-in the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act SFY 2025 and 2026. Funding will also support the implementation and administration of the African American and Disproportionality Represented Family Preservation Grants.

The purpose of the act and funding is to promote the stability and security of African American and disproportionately represented children and their families by establishing minimum standards to prevent arbitrary and unnecessary removal from their families. If children are removed, the goal is to improve permanency outcomes, including family reunification, for African American and disproportionately represented children.

This action supports the county's disparity reduction efforts by establishing requirements to prevent the out-of-home placement of African American or disproportionately represented children, including providing active efforts and developing a safety plan. This action works to prevent entry into the child welfare system and to reduce deep end involvement for those BIPOC families and disproportionately represented children in the child protection system.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

25-0156

Item Description:

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Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreement A2512836 with Minnesota Department of Human Services to fund implementation of the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act SFY 2025 and 2026, during the period of October 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026, in the receivable amount of \$500,000 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation of \$250,000 to the 2025 Human Services and Public Health budget be approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of this funding for this program by Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program when funds are no longer available.

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25-0180

Item Description:

JPA A2512848 with the City of Mpls for HUD ESG and City funding for street outreach, 01/01/25-04/30/26, \$300,000 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Joint Powers Agreement A2512848 with the City of Minneapolis accepting a sub grant of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant ("ESG") funding during the period of January 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026 in the receivable amount of \$150,000 and a local match receivable amount of \$150,000 from the City of Minneapolis general funds for a combined total receivable amount of \$300,000, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the county and the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse fund as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for this program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program if these grant funds are not made available or when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis jointly work together to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring. Hennepin County acts as the lead entity in setting strategy and providing services, while the City supports the effort by working to build permanent supportive housing, supporting shelter capital improvements, and directing federal funds that it receives for responding to homelessness in consultation with Hennepin County and community partners. The County and City, together with State, nonprofit and philanthropic partners, have fundamentally reshaped the homelessness response system since March 2020. These requests will serve to streamline homelessness response activities to enable the County to oversee funds and services that are best match for the County's expertise and where it is best situated to do so.

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding and general fund match from the City, used for the provision of street outreach in alignment with US Department of HUD ESG standards, will provide targeted street outreach that includes essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless Eligible Persons as defined by HUD; connect Eligible Persons with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and provide urgent, non-facility-based care to unsheltered homeless Eligible Persons who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility. In addition, Eligible Persons will be provided social services and housing program referrals, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, community-based services, permanent supportive housing, and rapid re-housing programs. These services are provided through contract #HS00001260 with Avivo.

Authorization for this Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Minneapolis, A2311656, and acceptance of the funding was approved by the County Board on November 1, 2022 (Resolution 22-0425). The authorized JPA was negotiated and fully executed by April 3, 2023. Amendment 1 to this JPA was approved by the Board on March 5, 2024. Amendment 2 to this JPA was approved on January 28, 2025 (Resolution 25-0017).

The city has since determined that a year-to-year contract is more appropriate. This action will replace A2311656, and with new agreements to be executed annually going forward. A2311656 will be terminated.

Current action: Approve Joint Powers Agreement A2512848 with the City of Minneapolis for HUD ESG funding and matching City of Minneapolis general funding for street outreach services to increase total funding by \$300,000 for a new total receivable NTE amount of \$300,000, for the term from January 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026.

Disparity Reduction: This request reduces disparities in the housing domain by coordinating funding assistance and services for people experiencing homelessness. Most often these are people who are members of groups disparately impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval