Legislation Text

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Item Description:

Amd 3 to Agmt A199560 with MN Dept of Human Services to extend grant funding date for the MFIP Innovations Teen Parent Project, 01/01/19-12/31/24, accept funds for an additional year, (recv \$58,000)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 3 to Agreement A199560 with Minnesota Department of Human Services accepting grant funding for the Minnesota Family Investment Program Innovations Teen Parent Project, during the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2024, in the receivable amount of \$58,000 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 the funds as directed; and

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

Background:

The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) Innovations Teen Parent Project grant funds the Teen HOPE program. This program uses a single point of contact model for case management services to pregnant and parenting teens on MFIP. The goals of the program are for teen parents to progress in school, not have a subsequent pregnancy while in the program, and for healthy, school ready children. Most of the case managers for these teens are public health nurses, however, if the teen is already being provided with home health care services, they are assigned a case manager who is a social worker rather than a public health nurse to avoid duplication of services.

Hennepin County has had a receivable contract with DHS since 2015 for the Teen HOPE program. Each calendar year we receive \$58,000 to cover the cost of one fulltime social worker (case manager) for the program.

All Hennepin County youth who are under age 20 and without a high school diploma or GED at the time of MFIP enrollment are eligible for the Teen HOPE program.

Participants who choose to continue postsecondary education after graduating from high school may remain in Teen HOPE through age 24. The subgroup for the homelessness support funding consists of Teen HOPE participants who either have an open childcare case or are in the process of applying for childcare in addition to meeting the definition of homeless or precariously housed. This includes youth who self-identify as homeless/precariously housed and/or are without a permanent residence, doubling up with friends or relatives and/or are behind in paying rent and possibly facing an eviction.

Amendment 3 to extend this agreement through December 31, 2024 and accept additional year funding at the amount of \$58,000 annual to extend this total contract amount to \$1,055,427.

Disparity Reduction:

This board action request aligns with Hennepin County disparity reduction efforts by supporting housing, health and educational stability for teen parents who are receiving county services.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval