

Legislation Text

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Item Description:

Neg Agmt with Change Starts with Community for renovation and expansion of an existing food shelf facility located at 1201 West Broadway Ave in North Minneapolis, 06/01/24-05/31/29, NTE \$600,000

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate an Agreement with Change Starts with Community, or affiliated entity, for capital costs associated with the Shiloh Cares Northside Food Access Renovation Project during the period June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2029, with a not to exceed amount of \$600,000; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, 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.

Background:

Shiloh Cares Food Shelf provides essential emergency food distribution in North Minneapolis. The average total number of clients each month exceeded 9,100 from March 2023 through September 2023. That number is projected to grow due to high need in the area. The current physical space is not large enough to continue to meet this growth.

The Shiloh Cares Northside Food Access Renovation Project will renovate and expand the existing food shelf facility within the current footprint of the building, which currently occupies a limited space of 3,450 square feet. Only 1,450 square feet of the current footprint is solely dedicated to shopping and storage areas.

The renovation project is anticipated to cost \$1.75 million. The State of Minnesota has provided \$1 million towards the project, and Cargill has pledged \$150,000.

The agreement with Change Starts with Community will be structured as a five-year declining balance forgivable loan by the Housing and Economic Development department, closing the funding gap by supporting eligible capital costs within the project budget.

This agreement is funded with non-federal funding in accordance with Resolution 22-0136R1 (adopted March 22, 2022) and with the authority delegated to the County Administrator via Resolution 23-0349R1 (adopted December 12, 2023).

Current Request: This request is for authorization to negotiate an Agreement with Change Starts with Community for capital costs associated with the Shiloh Cares Northside Food Access Renovation Project, during the period June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2029, with a not to exceed amount of \$600,000.

Impacts/Outcomes: Approval of this request will increase the Shiloh Cares Food Shelf's capacity to store and distribute nutritious and culturally relevant food, and improve the overall client experience, enhance sustainability, and foster a stronger sense of community engagement.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval