

## Legislation Text

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### **Item Description:**

Amd 1 to JPA A2311656 with City of Minneapolis for HUD ESG funding for street outreach, amending to increase receivable NTE amount by \$150,000 for new total NTE of \$300,000; 01/01/23-12/31/27

### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Amendment 1 to Joint Powers Agreement A2311656 with the City of Minneapolis accepting a sub grant of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Emergency Solutions Grant (“ESG”) funding in the receivable not to exceed amount of \$150,000 for street outreach services, increasing the receivable amount by \$150,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$300,000, for the term of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027, 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 continuing funding commitment by Hennepin County for this program 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.

This Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding 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; 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. Activities consist of making an initial assessment of needs and eligibility; providing crisis counseling; addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries. 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.

### **Current Request:**

Amend Agreement A2311656 with the City of Minneapolis for HUD ESG funding for street outreach services to increase funding by \$150,000 for a new total receivable NTE amount of \$300,000, for the term from January 1,

2023 through December 31, 2027.

**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