

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD
RECIPIENTS FOR RFP 8358, "2022 NEW HUMAN SERVICES PARTNERSHIP MINI-
GRANTS"

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 7, 2022

Prepared By: Teresa Gillotti, OCED Director

WHEREAS, since 1984, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has allocated funding to community-based organizations for the purpose of delivering important human services to county residents; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Funding partnership was the previous means by which this funding was allocated, and this process ended on June 30, 2021, and the New Human Services Partnership was created for collaborative human services funding; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approves distributing funding based on its amended allocation of \$1,207,529 annually for the New Human Services Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the New Human Services Partnership is funded by Washtenaw County general funds, City of Ann Arbor general funds, City of Ann Arbor American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Washtenaw Urban County CDBG and CDBG-CV funds; and

WHEREAS, of the total funding allocated, the anticipated amount of funding to be used for the Min-Grants program is \$400,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the mini-grant funding round is directed to smaller agencies addressing poverty, racism and trauma in our communities as a root cause of institutional inequity; and

WHEREAS, the New Human Services Partnership leadership team set an intention that 60% of the funding be prioritized to organizations whose leadership have underrepresented identities; and

WHEREAS, the organizations listed below were selected by volunteer community reviewers, who are representative of the diversity of the Washtenaw County community; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approves the funding recommendation made by Office of Community and Economic Development based on the community review process for RFP 8358; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, Facilities, IT, Racial Equity Office, and the County Administrator's Office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approve funding for the following agencies for a one-year period: Washtenaw County Housing Alliance, Coalition for Re-envisioning Our Safety, FedUp Ministries, Buenos Vecinos, Peer Support Network, A Brighter Way, Black Men Read, Michigan Itinerant Shelter System

Interdependent Out of Necessity (MISSION), Community Resource Center, Inc., and Fair Housing Center for RFP 8358 mini-grant funding in the amounts listed below. 202

Organization Name	Award Amount	Description
Washtenaw Housing Alliance	\$40,000	Funding from the NHSP Mini-Grant Program will be used two fold by the WHA: 1) support our part-time Community Housing locator position to assist in identifying and expanding the number of units of permanent housing available to people with the greatest needs in the homeless system of care and 2) provide near-immediate, flexible financial resources through the Landlord Guarantee Fund to eliminate barrier to obtaining permanent housing as quickly as possible.
Coalition for Re-envisioning Our Safety	\$40,000	Funding would allow CROS to develop a team experienced in group facilitation and data collection to get substantive feedback from those who would be most impacted by the development of an unarmed public safety response. Based on community input, unarmed safety response would send trained responders to those experiencing crisis.
FedUp Ministries	\$40,000	This funding will go towards acquiring a mobile shower and laundry facility for FedUp to take out into the community. This facility will have shower units and washers/dryers that individuals will be able to access to take a hot shower and wash loads of laundry.
Buenos Vecinos	\$40,000	Buenos Vecinos is requesting general operating support. If awarded, NHSP mini-grant funds would assist the three Coordinators with maintaining and expanding Buenos Vecinos' programming to serve the local Latinx community within the organization's has four distinct program areas to advance the mission: Meeting Latinx Neighbors' Needs (Housing and Basic Needs), Jovenes Tejedores de Sociedad (Education), Latinx Mental Health Collaborative (Health), and Movilizacion del Voto (Civic Engagement).

Peer Support Network	\$40,000	Peer Navigators (PNs) will be trained to engage and deescalate residents, assess for emergent needs, develop a basic action plan and initiate the steps necessary to address immediate issues that could lead to loss of housing. When requested by the resident, Peer Navigators will be trained in resource navigation and will have the ability to refer and connect residents with community agencies or organizations that can facilitate longer term interventions or programs.
A Brighter Way	\$40,000	The program is focused around the organization's philosophy of "Reentry through Relationship". The goal of the program is to amplify the progress made in mitigating systemic barriers and stigmas currently in place for the formerly incarcerated. The program has three components: advocacy through personal interaction, building community partnerships, and awareness, education, and engagement.
Black Men Read	\$40,000	This project is a new partnership combining Black Men Read (BMR)'s Afrocentric curriculum with the existing structure and theme-based, learner-centered approach of the already established Community Action Network (CAN)'s Educational Summer Camp programming. The program will offer weekly, hour-long literacy-focused engagement sessions throughout the summer at up to 6 sites and is estimated to reach up to 120 children. The implementation of Black Men Read's unique curriculum will support anti-racism by exposing youth to culturally affirming content.
Michigan Itinerant Shelter System Interdependent Out of Necessity (MISSION)	\$40,000	MISSION provides emergency, short-term motel stays to homeless families with children enrolled in AAPS, all other children (younger than school age, outside of AAPS), and adults that are chronically or very suddenly homeless, those physically disabled, aging individuals, vulnerable females, and those with mental health issues or substance use disorders.
Community Resource Center, Inc.	\$40,000	Funding will support the Community Resource Center's open choice food pantry program and all other safety net services the small agency coordinates and provides to residents in the southwest corner of Washtenaw County.

Fair Housing Center	\$40,000	Fair Housing wants to expand their non-grant related fundraising and would use funding to hire a Development Assistant to increase fundraising, cultivate new donors and sponsors, and enhancing their relationships with current donors.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Office of Community & Economic Development to negotiate contractual agreements in accordance with the County's purchasing procedures, subject to approval as to form by Corporation Counsel.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Beeman	X			Maciejewski	X			Shink	X		
Hodge	X			Morgan	X						
Jefferson	X			Sanders	X						
LaBarre	X			Scott	X						

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY ROLL CALL VOTE: 9 0 0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on December 7th, 2022, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)^{SS}.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 8th day of December 2022.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: _____ Deputy Clerk



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