

RESOLUTION**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisors Towns and Winter
INITIATED BY



2/8/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Setting Forth Reporting Requirements for Homelessness Prevention Grant Program

WHEREAS, Rock County Board released \$1,634,310 million of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to ten private sector agencies or municipalities to combat the homelessness issue in Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, there is no mandate or requirement for counties to provide a homelessness program, and Rock County had no previous experience in this concerning need; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Board of Supervisors approved an additional \$248,000 in one-time APRA dollars from fiscal years 2023 and 2024 to hire a new county position entitled the "Homeless Prevention Coordinator" who would establish and oversee the use of the homeless services grants awarded by Rock County; and

WHEREAS, ARPA dollars are funded federal tax collections and awarded to Rock County during the COVID-19 scare to be used to aid public health and economic recovery; and,

WHEREAS, the definition of homelessness in Rock County is not clear, for instance, many Rock County school systems have a valid assessment of homeless children attending their schools which may differ from the definition that is used to measure homelessness in the adult population, therefore making it unclear how results from the use of these grant funds will be measured in the application of these grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the executive summary of the granting resolution inferred a quarterly reporting requirement on the part of each grant recipient and the Homeless Prevention Coordinator is charged with monitoring this.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 23rd day of February, 2023 does resolve that the Homeless Prevention Coordinator shall coordinate and provide the Board with a detailed written report within 3 months of the release of funds, and then further reports at 6 months, 9 months, and 12 months from the release of funds. The report shall provide information from each of the ten grantees stipulating how many dollars are received to date and the nature of the disbursement of those received dollars. Upon report of the use of funds at 12 months, the report shall include a clear explanation of any unused funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in making their report to the Board the Homeless Prevent Coordinator shall report on the following:

1. How many individual homeless people were in direct contact with the program(s) established by the organization;
2. What was purchased with the grant funds or what services were provided or accepted by homeless individuals or families;
3. Any grant dollars spent which represent or support organization administrative expenditures; and
4. Upon report given at 12 months, the aggregate amount of dollars that have been used from these grant funds and the amount that remains unspent.

FISCAL NOTE:

No additional fiscal impact.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Most, if not all, of the information requested in this resolution would be available from the Human Services Department through the contract and reporting arrangements with the grantees. All else being equal, this type of reporting would go directly to the Human Services Board. However, if the County Board has an interest in more closely monitoring these contracts and specifying the information in which it is interested, approving the resolution would ensure that regular reports with specified content are also provided to the full County Board.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Human Services Board

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Citizen Representative Hoffman was absent.