

Resolution appropriating funds for Tenant-Based Rental Assistance for Families Experiencing Homelessness.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2017 878 people in La Crosse experienced homelessness, which is a serious issue that negatively impacts the City including the health and safety of our citizens, law enforcement and our livability; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse, as a member of the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness, is attempting to end homelessness by testing a collaborative model that is coordinated, centralized and data driven, which tracks active homeless persons and attempt to immediately house them through a "Housing First Model"; and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness (LCEH), of which the City of La Crosse is a member, was able to successfully end veterans homelessness and was the first city in Wisconsin to do so; and

WHEREAS, the LCEH, with contributions from City funds, successfully housed 20 chronically homeless individuals in 2017; and

WHEREAS, as of December 20, 2017, the LCEH has identified 12 families, including 20 children, who are homeless in La Crosse; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE that it hereby appropriates \$110,000 to provide rental assistance and case management services to homeless families and chronically homeless individuals (as defined by HUD).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that \$60,000 be appropriated from 2017 to 2018 Operating Budget Carry-Over.

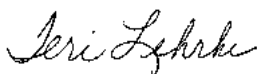
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the balance of \$50,000 will be subject to a successful grant application for the proposed project to the Community Development Committee for 2018 CDBG/HOME Funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a competitive Request for Proposal Process to determine the recipient of those funds will be executed during the same 2018 CDBG/HOME Funding Grant Allocation Process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration of the grant shall be performed by the Planning and Development Department with oversight by the Community Development Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Planning & Development, Director of Finance & Purchase and all other impacted departments are hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

I, Teri Lehrke, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on February 8, 2018.



*Teri Lehrke, City Clerk
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*