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Jane Klekamp, La Crosse County Administrator

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To the La Crosse City Council,

I am writing to ask for your support of the funding request by Independent Living Resources (ILR) for street outreach services to people experiencing homelessness. The outreach service provided by ILR is essential to our joint efforts to address homelessness. ILR's trusted outreach team have developed important relationships that link people who are experiencing homelessness with local resources, including housing and health care.

The outreach program was launched by the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness to better understand the individual needs of people experiencing homelessness and break down barriers between that community and service providers. Since its inception, the program has more than proven its worth. It is our hope that ILR's outreach services will form a key part of the joint city-county homelessness plan currently being developed.

We encourage the council's approval of ILR's funding request, which will allow the outreach program's important work to be continued through 2024.

Sincerely,

Jane Klekamp

La Crosse County Administrator