

Resolution approving the Pathways Held Leases program and authorizing staff to sign leases.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse is committed to addressing homelessness through its five-year plan, Pathways Home, which, in partnership with La Crosse County, aims to end homelessness in the city; and

WHEREAS, the Pathways Held Leases program, which is further detailed in documents attached to this legislation, is a key component of the Pathways Home plan, designed to provide stable housing for households experiencing homelessness with no, low, or moderate needs, who are connected with service providers to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, the Pathways Held Leases program requires the City to enter into lease agreements with property owners and sublease these properties to eligible households experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, to ensure efficient management of the Pathways Held Leases program, City staff will contract with a qualified property manager to oversee the program, including managing the list of available units, paying rent to property owners, collecting rent from tenants, establishing relationships with property owners, and handling any issues related to the units through a Request for Information (RFI) process; and

WHEREAS, delegating authority to the Director of Planning and Development to sign leases on behalf of the City will streamline the implementation of the Pathways Held Leases program, ensuring timely and efficient delivery of housing services; and

WHEREAS, the City received a \$100,000 donation from Mayo Clinic in 2023 to support initiatives addressing homelessness and using this donation for the Pathways Held Leases is consistent with the intended purpose of supporting homelessness initiatives and aligns with the goals of the Pathways Home plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse approves the Pathways Held Leases program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Planning and Development is hereby authorized to sign lease agreements and the property management contract on behalf of the City for the Pathways Held Leases program, initially utilizing the \$100,000 donation from Mayo Clinic and, utilizing additional donations to continue the program in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Director of Planning and Development, and other appropriate City staff are authorized to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.