

Resolution appropriating funds for the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness (LCEH) centralized command center.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2016 1,200 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 is attempting to end homelessness by testing a collaborative model that is coordinated, centralized, and data driven, which tracks active homeless persons, housing resources, system inflow and outflow, also called a “command center;” 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, in order to secure continued long-term success of this model, La Crosse requires permanent infrastructure to support the LCEH’s command center, which includes a project manager; and

WHEREAS, the LCEH has secured funds from the La Crosse Community Foundation for the project manager position but requires matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA CROSSE that it hereby appropriates \$25,000 per year for the next three (3) years, totaling \$75,000, from the contingency fund account in 2017 and carryover funds or contingency funds in 2018 and 2019 to the LCEH for the purpose of operating a command center and hiring a project manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said funds shall be provided to Catholic Charities of La Crosse, which serves as the fiscal sponsor for the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning & Development Department and the Community Development committee shall have oversight over these funds and receive quarterly financial and performance reports from the LCEH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Planning & Development, Director of Finance & Purchasing, 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 July 13, 2017.



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