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Memorandum

To: Community Development Committee

From: Caroline Gregerson

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Re: Approve Contract Extension for Couleecap and Catholic Charities

Background

In 2018, Couleecap and Catholic Charities were both approved for two-year contract with the City of La Crosse for \$80,000. The grant agreements stated they would serve four families. Couleecap requested their grant be modified to serve both families and chronically homeless individuals. This was approved. The grant was supported by funding by the City Operating Budget and CDBG funds. The grant expired March 31, 2020. Both grantees are requested to extend the contract until December 31, 2020. The purpose of the extension is to continue to serve households who need additional time to become stable.

Couleecap:

Grant Balance: \$8,853.81

Served 3 families and 6 single, chronic households. Of the 9 households served, 5 households were also served under the prior grant given by the City of La Crosse (chronic) and carried over to the new grant to ensure they remain stably housed, with case management. These individuals lived in Tent City and were very high barrier. There are three remaining household that need ongoing support. 5 households have graduated to permanent housing. One is in jail.

Catholic Charities

Grant Balance: \$8,767.20

“1st family graduated the end of March and is able to handle their housing expenses on their own. Two of the families are struggling with mental health issues. However, there are pending social security disability claims and we are confident they should be approved soon. The remaining family has gotten custody back of their two children. We are working to find them employment but with the recent COVID-19 pandemic, finding employment has been difficult”

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