

Memorandum

To: Community Development Committee

From: Caroline Gregerson

Date: 7/10/2020

Re: Approval of RFP Process for homelessness and child care

Background:

Common Council and the Community Development Committee approved allocation parameters for the CDBG-Cares Act. The City issued requests for proposals to address homelessness and child care.

Attached to this legislative item is the recommended awards amounts and approvals. The majority of applications were accepted and given their full requests. The following were not:

1. **UW-La Crosse Child Care Center:** They lost over \$100,000 in income due to Covid-19. However, since they do not serve a low-income population, to meet HUD Urgent Need Objective, they would only be able to expend their funds on items related to health and welfare and prove how funding this child care center would help the health and welfare of the La Crosse Community. This linkage could not be established and this request is being denied.
2. **Salvation Army:** Requested \$80,000 but could not prove, as the other applications did, that they would be added staff capacity. Rather they would be using existing staff to take on this work and cover a portion of their salaries. Reduced their award amount to \$28,742 and this is contingent to revising their scope of work to support existing emergency sheltering activities and case management for people in shelter.
3. Staff will work with other child care centers, who will be funded under the Urgent Need Objective to ensure that funds will support costs that ensure the health and welfare of the community.