



Dakota County

Community Services Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

9:00 AM

Conference Room L139 Western
Service Center, Apple Valley

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Also in attendance were Matt Smith, County Manager; Jen Wolf, Assistant County Attorney; Marti Fischbach, Community Services Division Director; Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Laurie Halverson.

The audio of this meeting is available upon request.

Present: Commissioner Slavik, Commissioner Gaylord, Chairperson Halverson, Commissioner Atkins, Commissioner Workman, Commissioner Holberg and Commissioner Hamann-Roland

2. Audience

Commissioner Laurie Halverson asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Committee. No one came forward and no one submitted comments to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us.

3. Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval Of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: Kathleen A. Gaylord

On a motion by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, seconded by Commissioner Gaylord, the agenda was unanimously approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Ayes: 7

4. Consent Agenda

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the consent agenda was unanimously approved as follows:

4.1 Approval Of Minutes Of Meeting Held On June 14, 2022

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

4.2 Authorization To Execute Contract With Life Development Resources To Develop And Implement A Multicultural Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program For Juvenile Drug Court

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2021, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs granted Dakota County Community Corrections a grant in the amount of \$750,000 over four years to develop and implement a multicultural juvenile drug treatment program; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-586 (December 14, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners ratified the grant application, and authorized the Community Services Director to accept the funds and execute the grant agreement with the Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$750,000 for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County Community Corrections is seeking authorization to enter into a contract with Life Development Resources to consult, develop, hire staff and provide clinical oversight of treatment in a not to exceed amount of \$536,000 for the period of August 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, through creation and implementation of the multicultural intensive outpatient chemical dependency program, a focus will be placed on the development and recruitment of black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) chemical and mental health providers facilitating treatment in Dakota County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a contract with Life Development Resources to develop and implement a multicultural intensive outpatient chemical health treatment program, in a not to exceed contract amount of \$536,000 for the period of August 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the number and types of clients served, types of services provided, contract amount and the contract term, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amount due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/19/2022.

4.3 Authorization To Execute Grant Agreement For State Dislocated Worker And Related Contracts

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requires Workforce Development Areas (WDA), including Dakota-Scott Workforce Services, to offer employment and training services to program eligible residents of Dakota and Scott Counties; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-049 (January 23, 2018), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a restated and amended joint powers agreement (JPA) between Dakota County and Scott County for delivery of employment services; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was issued on January 17, 2019, for adult and dislocated worker services and a committee comprised of Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board (WDB) members and County staff reviewed the one proposal received, a joint proposal from DEED Job Service and HIRED, and recommended continuing to contract with DEED Job Service and HIRED, the current providers; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 21-416 (August 24, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) for employment and training programs in the Dakota-Scott WDA for the State Dislocated Worker (DW) Program in the amount of \$967,813, and execution of contracts with DEED Job Service and HIRED for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the State DW Program Services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, is \$1,025,673; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2022, the WDB approved execution of the grant agreement with DEED and execution of contracts with DEED Job Service and HIRED at the rates outlined in the Resolution for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends authorization to execute a grant agreement with DEED for employment and training programs in the amount of the grant awarded and execute contracts with DEED Job Service and HIRED at the rates outlined in the Resolution for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and

Economic Development for the employment and training programs in the Dakota-Scott Workforce Service Area for the State Dislocated Worker Program in the amount of the grant awarded for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to execute contracts with DEED Job Services and HIRED to provide employment and training services for the State Dislocated Worker program participants at the following anticipated contract rates for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, subject to the approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form:

HIRED

\$1,000 per participant in the State Dislocated Worker Program for 100 participants. \$500 will be paid in monthly installments (\$4,167 per month). The additional \$500 will be paid at enrollment. \$6,000 for universal customer services, amount to be paid in monthly installments (\$500 per month).

DEED Job Service

\$1,000 per participant in the State Dislocated Worker Program for 100 participants. \$500 will be paid in monthly installments (\$4,167 per month). The additional \$500 will be paid at enrollment. \$6,000 for universal customer services, amount to be paid in monthly installments (\$500 per month).

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts consistent with the approved work plans and within the amount budgeted, to alter the number of clients served, types of services provided, reporting requirements, unit rates, and contract term, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to alter the grant term, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalent(s) (if relevant), consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in the future yearly Recommended and Approved Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts in the event that funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/19/2022.

4.4 Authorization To Execute Grant Agreement For Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Adult Services And Dislocated Worker Services And Execute Related Contracts

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires each Workforce Development Area (WDA), including Dakota-Scott Workforce Services, to offer employment and training services to program eligible residents of Dakota and Scott Counties; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 18-049 (January 23, 2018), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of a restated and amended joint powers agreement between Dakota County and Scott County for delivery of employment services; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal was issued on January 17, 2019, for adult and dislocated worker services, and a committee comprised of Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board (WDB) members and County staff reviewed the one proposal submitted and recommended continuing to contract with DEED Job Service and HIRED, the current providers; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-306 (June 22, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized the execution of the grant agreement with DEED for employment and training programs in the Dakota-Scott WDA for the WIOA Adult and WIOA Dislocated Worker programs in the amount of \$518,187 and \$696,744 respectively, and execution of contracts with DEED Job Services and HIRED for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the funding for WIOA Adult and WIOA Dislocated Worker services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, is based on an allocation formula used by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); and

WHEREAS, this year's allocations are \$546,848 for WIOA Adult (an increase of 5.53% from 2021 funding) and \$589,690 (a decrease of 15.36% from 2021 funding) for WIOA Dislocated Worker; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2022, the WDB approved execution of the grant agreement with DEED, and execution of contracts with DEED Job Service and HIRED at the rates outlined in the Resolution for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for employment and training programs in the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Area for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Worker services in the amount of the grant awarded for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contracts with HIRED and DEED Job Service at the following rates for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form:

HIRED:

- \$1,000 per participant in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Worker program for up to 60 participants. \$500 will be paid in monthly installments (\$2,500 per month). The additional \$500 will be paid at enrollment. \$6,000 for universal customer services, amount to be paid in monthly installments (\$500 per month).
- \$1,000 per participant in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult for up to 55 participants; \$500 will be paid in monthly installments (\$2,292 per month). The additional \$500 will be paid at enrollment. \$6,000 for universal customer services, amount to be paid in monthly installments (\$500 per month).

DEED Job Service

- \$1,000 per participant in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Dislocated Worker program for up to 60 participants. \$500 will be paid in monthly installments (\$2,500 per month). The additional \$500 will be paid at enrollment. \$6,000 for universal customer services, amount to be paid in monthly installments (\$500 per month).
- \$1,000 per participant in Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult for up to 55 participants; \$500 will be paid in monthly installments (\$2,292 per month). The additional \$500 will be paid at enrollment. \$6,000 for universal customer services, amount to be paid in monthly installments (\$500 per month).

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to alter the grant term, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalent(s) (if relevant), consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in the future yearly

recommended and approved budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts consistent with the approved work plans and within the amount budgeted, to alter the number of clients served, types of services provided, reporting requirements, unit rates, and contract term consistent with County contracting policies, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts in the event that funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/19/2022.

4.5 Ratification Of Unified Local Youth Plan Submission For Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Youth Program 2022 And Authorization To Accept Funds, Execute Grant Agreement And Execute Related Contract

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires local service areas to provide services to low-income, at-risk youth in order to promote educational and employment success; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) fulfills this requirement through grants to local Workforce Development Boards for the WIOA Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, the WIOA Youth Program grant is allocated between Dakota and Scott Counties based on the DEED formula and anticipated needs; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued for WIOA Youth Program services every five years, the last being on November 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a committee recommended the current provider under contract with Dakota County, HIRED, to continue to provide services; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-255 (May 18, 2021), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of a contract with HIRED to provide WIOA Youth Program services for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Dakota-Scott Workforce Services submitted the 2022 Unified Local Youth Plan to DEED for WIOA Youth Pogram Year (PY) 2022 funds for the

period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, official notification of WIOA Youth PY 2022 funding in the amount of \$527,324 for Dakota and Scott Counties was received on May 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, of the allocated amount, Dakota County's funding is \$421,859 and Scott County's funding is \$105,465; and

WHEREAS, ten percent of the amount allocated will be retained for administrative expenses; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the Dakota County Board of Commissioners ratify the submission of the Unified Local Youth Plan to DEED for the WIOA Youth Program 2022 funds, and, if approved, authorize the Community Services Director to accept WIOA Youth Program funds, execute the grant agreement with DEED, and execute the related contract with HIRED to provide WIOA Youth Program services in the amount of the grant awarded, less ten percent for administrative expenses, and less the amount allocated to Scott County for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the submission of the Unified Local Youth Plan to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program 2022 funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the WIOA Youth Program funds if the Unified Local Youth Plan is approved by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and execute the WIOA Youth Program grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development in the amount of the grant awarded, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to execute a contract with HIRED to provide WIOA Youth Program services in an amount not to exceed the grant award, less ten percent for administrative expenses, and the amount allocated to Scott County, for the period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Division Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to alter the grant term, accept additional grant funds and continue grant funded full-time equivalent(s), (if relevant), consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly recommended and adopted budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to

form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract consistent with the approved Unified Local Youth Plan for the 2022 WIOA Youth Program, to accept additional funding, alter the number and types of clients served, types of services provided, reporting requirements, contract amount and contract term, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/19/2022.

4.6 Authorization To Amend Contract With 360 Communities For Dakota County Housing Clinic Housing Support Workers

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County Social Services staff, Dakota County Courts and partners have collaborated to create an eviction court clinic, called the Dakota County Housing Clinic (DCHC); and

WHEREAS, the DCHC is a voluntary program that offers support to tenants at first appearance for eviction cases and support includes access to legal assistance, financial assistance and access to housing support services; and

WHEREAS, currently, there is one Housing Support Worker to staff the DCHC, and this position is employed by 360 Communities and funded by the Family Housing Fund; and

WHEREAS, with the recent passage of the Eviction Moratorium Off-Ramp legislation, the DCHC planning committee anticipates a high volume of evictions to be filed and a high volume of cases to flow through eviction court; and

WHEREAS, to accommodate this work, staff proposed to add three additional Housing Support Worker positions to DCHC via a contract with 360 Communities; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County entered into a contract with 360 Communities for a not to exceed contract amount of \$99,000 for the period of August 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, to begin this work; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 21-415 (August 24, 2021), the Dakota County Board

of Commissioners authorized an amendment to add an additional \$56,000 for additional services in the same contract period, for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$155,000 effective upon execution; and

WHEREAS, Housing Support Workers are present at court hearings scheduled three days per week and these positions work with the courts, connect tenants to resources and services, provide support for applications for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA), Emergency Assistance and Emergency General Assistance funds, and assist with communication and coordination between tenants, landlords and courts; and

WHEREAS, due to the high volume of evictions being filed (there were 190 evictions filed in May 2022, compared with a historical monthly average of 124 eviction filings) and continued availability of ERA funds, staff proposes extending the contract end date to December 31, 2022, and adding \$82,835 to the existing contract for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$237,835; and

WHEREAS, the additional time will allow this team to continue serving clients in eviction court and the additional funds will allow this team to expand by one full-time Housing Support Worker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to amend the contract with 360 Communities for housing clinic housing support workers funded by the Emergency Rental Assistance funds for Housing Stability Services to add \$82,835 to the contract for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$237,835, and extend the period of the contract through December 31, 2022, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contract, within the amount budgeted, to alter the number and types of clients served, types of services provided, service expectations and rates, and the contract term, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to the approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contract shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contract in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/19/2022.

4.7 Authorization To Execute Contract Amendments For Children And Family In-Home And Community-Based Services

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, under the Minnesota Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Act, specifically Minn. Stat. § 245.4874, subd. 1, a variety of services are mandated for youth who are emotionally or severely emotionally disturbed; and

WHEREAS, the juvenile protection provisions of the Juvenile Court Act, Minn. Stat. § 260C, requires counties to make efforts to prevent out-of-home placement and address risks that may necessitate placement through child protection; and

WHEREAS, Children and Family Services conducted a comprehensive solicitation process involving different forms of solicitations for the majority of their services as well as some of Community Corrections' services in the summer of 2017, resulting in 101 responses from vendors; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-545 (October 31, 2017), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized contracts with the selected vendors for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 19-776 (October 29, 2019), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized contracts with nine vendors for contracted services that exceeded \$100,000 each for the two-year contract period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 21-490 (October 19, 2021), staff amended the contracts of approximately 30 vendors at the same rates as originally contracted for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, consistent with County contracting policies, six of which required County Board authorization to amend as their contracted services exceeded \$100,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, County Board authorization is required to amend two contracts as their contracted services will exceed \$100,000 prior to December 31, 2022, due to increased acceptance of referrals for In-Home and Community-Based services; and

WHEREAS, the two vendors requiring County Board authorization include Lopno and Associates and Empowering Families, LLC, and the array of services provides flexibility for Children and Family Services to respond to issues addressed in casework; and

WHEREAS, funding for these contracts is included in the 2022 Social Services Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of

Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute contract amendments with the following vendors for mental health treatment and support services for youth and families for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form:

Agency: Lopno and Associates

1. Program: In-Home and Community-Based Services
 - a. Unit Rate(s):
 - \$107.26 - Parenting Assessments
 - \$157.73 - Psychological Evaluations

Agency: Empowering Families, LLC

1. Program: Supervised Visitation
 - a. Unit Rate(s):
 - \$46.82 per hour

; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend said contracts, consistent with the amount budgeted, to alter the number and types of clients served, types of services provided, service rates, reporting requirements, contract amount and contract term, consistent with County contracting policies, subject to the approval of the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the contracts shall contain a provision that allows the County to immediately terminate the contracts in the event sufficient funds from county, state, or federal sources are not appropriated at a level sufficient to allow payment of the amounts due.

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/19/2022.

4.8 Ratification Of Minnesota Department Of Human Services Innovations Grant Application, And Authorization To Accept Grant Funds, Execute Grant Agreement, Amend 2022 Social Services Budget And Amend Contract With Lyft, Inc.

Motion: Joe Atkins

Second: Mary Hamann-Roland

WHEREAS, Dakota County submitted a grant application in the amount of \$134,400 to the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) for a two-year Innovations Grant to support transportation for people who use mobility devices; and

WHEREAS, transportation is often cited as a major barrier for individuals with disabilities to work and become a part of their community; and

WHEREAS, through Dakota County's Lyft, Inc. (Lyft) program, which was started in 2019 with the support of a previous DHS Innovations Grant, individuals eligible for Disability Waivers have had increased employment outcomes and increased quality of life indicators; and

WHEREAS, the Lyft program has shown that, with effective transportation options, individuals with disabilities have more opportunities to work in jobs they want, work more hours, have a less stressful and efficient way to get to work and overall can have a better quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County plans to spend \$2,250 on focus groups and gift cards for drivers and participants with the remaining \$132,150 to be used for the Lyft Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV) driver recruitment; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No.18-542 (October 23, 2018), and Resolution No. 20-565 (November 17, 2020), Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized a contract with Lyft for transportation services effective upon the date of execution through December 31, 2019, with automatic 1-year contract term extensions to provide transportation services to Dakota County clients; and

WHEREAS, Lyft does not currently offer WAV service in the Twin Cities area, which leaves individuals who use mobility devices out of the benefits and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the 2022 Innovation Grant, Dakota County will provide financial incentives for WAV drivers in the Twin Cities area to drive for Lyft; and

WHEREAS, this program will provide an opportunity for Lyft to offer an equitable on-demand transportation option for individuals eligible for Disability Waivers who use mobility devices; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will work with Lyft and their subcontractor, Mobility4All, for this grant; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County has been contracting with Lyft since 2019 to provide rides for a variety of programs, which are both county funded and waiver funded, including, but not limited to:

- Transportation for those open to Disability Waivers
 - Transportation for those utilizing Rule 185 County Funded Lyft Services
 - Jail Transportation Pilot for those released from the Dakota County Jail
 - Transportation for those living in the Dakota County shelter
 - Transportation for those connected with the Supportive Housing Unit
- ; and

WHEREAS, in June 2022, DHS awarded Dakota County the full \$134,400 Innovation Grant; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be used to support the recruitment and retention of drivers who have a WAV to drive for Lyft; and

WHEREAS, these drivers will be able to provide rides specifically to those who use mobility devices and are open to Disability Waivers to allow them to access their community and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Dakota County will amend the Lyft, Inc., contract to increase the not to exceed contract total by \$132,150, for the additional services, with no change in term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies Dakota County's application for the Minnesota Department of Human Services Innovations Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant funds for the Dakota County Social Services Department, in the amount of \$134,400, effective upon execution through two years from execution date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute the grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services for the Innovation Grant effective upon execution through two years from execution date, subject to approval by the County Attorney's office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute an amendment with Lyft, Inc., in the amount of \$132,150 as a result of the need to provide services in relation to the Minnesota Department of Human Services Innovation work, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That unless the grant program requirements change, the Community Services Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to alter the grant term, accept additional grant funds, and continue grant-funded full-time equivalent(s) (if relevant), consistent with County contracting policies, and inclusion of grant funds in future yearly Recommended and Adopted Budgets, subject to approval by the County Attorney's Office as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the 2022 Social Services Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Expense

Program Expense	<u>\$134,400</u>
Total Expense	\$134,400

Revenue

Program Revenue	<u>\$134,400</u>
Total Revenue	\$134,400

This item was approved and recommended for action by the Board of Commissioners on 7/19/2022.

5. Regular Agenda

5.1 Update From Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board

Mark Jacobs, Deputy Director in Employment and Economic Assistance was joined by the following members of the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board (WDB) to present on this item: Vance Boelter, President at Praetorian Guard Security Services and Chairperson of the WDB; Barb Dahl, Scott County Social Services Director and Chairperson of the WDB's Youth Committee; and Eric Lind, Rosemount-Apple-Valley-Eagan ISD 1096 Adult Basic Education Program Manager and Chairperson of the WDB's CareerForce Committee.

This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by the Committee.

Information only; no action requested.

5.2 Update On Homelessness Prevention Research And Recommendations

Evan Henspeter, Director, and Madeline Kastler, Deputy Director, both from Social Services, presented on this item and stood for questions.

This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by the Committee.

Information only; no action requested.

5.3 Update On Workforce Shortage And Impacts On Service Provider Capacity And Service Availability

Evan Henspeter, Director of Social Services, presented on this item and stood for questions.

This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only. No staff direction was given by the Committee.

Information only; no action requested.

6. Community Services Directors Report

Marti Fischbach, Division Director, referred the Committee to the written report that she provided.

7. Adjournment

7.1 Adjournment

Chairperson, Commissioner Halverson, adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. No roll call or vote was taken to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Collette, Administrative Coordinator
Community Services Division

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