



Dakota County

Legislation Text

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DEPARTMENT: Social Services

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TITLE

Authorization To Accept Minnesota Department Of Human Services Children's Mental Health Screenings Grant Funds And Execute Grant Agreement

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Minnesota Legislature added mental health screening requirements to Minnesota Statutes to include children's mental health screening for specific child welfare and juvenile justice populations; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the children's mental health screening within the child welfare and juvenile justice populations is to integrate mental health into current practices and to promote earlier mental health identification and intervention; and

WHEREAS, early identification of mental illness followed by the appropriate intervention and treatment may prevent years of disability and provide improved outcomes for children and their families; and

WHEREAS, children's mental health screenings facilitate the referral of children for further testing and treatment using standardized effective mental health screening instruments; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 20-622 (December 15, 2020), the Dakota County Board of Commissioners authorized execution of Minnesota Department of Human Services Children's Mental Health Screenings Grant in the amount of \$234,054 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Children Mental Health Screening grant awarded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services is in the amount of \$212,395 based on an allocation of \$106,507 for Child Welfare and \$105,888 for Juvenile Justice for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the County Board authorizes acceptance of the Children's Mental Health Screening grant in the amount of \$212,395 and execution of the grant agreement for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to accept the grant award of \$212,395 for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Dakota County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Community Services Director to execute a grant agreement for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 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 Director is hereby authorized to amend the grant to alter the grant term, accept additional grant funds and continue grant-funded full-time equivalents (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.