

From: [Homeless Services Consortium](#)
To: [City County Homeless Issues Committee](#)
Subject: Funding Request - Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
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To: City County Homeless Issues Committee

From: Dane County Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors present at September meeting: Gentry Bieker, Brad Hinkfuss, Brian Benford, Catherine Reiersen, Jonathan Grieser, Patrick Duffie, Kim Kennedy, Arree Macon, Brenda Konkel, Andrew McKinney, Tara Wilhelmi

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Re: Funding for 2022 Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

We are writing to ask that the City of Madison and Dane County each put \$100,000 towards a new Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. We are asking that you consider a budget amendment to your 2021 budget so we can begin this work this fall.

The past year has been a tumultuous time for everyone and so much has changed. In the homeless services world, very little looks the same as it did pre-COVID (new family shelter, hotel program, single women's 24/7 shelter, new men's shelter, TPEs, more funds for appropriate staffing, more housing vouchers, new rapid rehousing projects, increased involvement of people with lived experience and youth, city sanctioned encampments and renewed efforts to address systemic disparities etc.). It has been incredibly challenging and very exciting to put nationally recognized best practices into effect with funding opportunities that have come from unprecedented federal funds. Our response to COVID-19 has given us the opportunity to move forward with previously unfunded and much needed changes in our system.

The Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Oversight Committee has been reviewing our last [Community Plan \(2016\)](#) and found that very little is relevant to where we are today. It is in dire need of an update. The Community Plan must incorporate race and equity as people of color disproportionately experience homelessness in our community. We must make sure this plan reflects all community members.

This committee is in charge of oversight of the HUD mandate to have a community plan and has the following charge:

Monitor and report annual results on Action Steps in the Community Plan; responsible for planning five (5) year community process to review goals and objectives to ensure that they continue to reflect current and future activities; review plan to ensure goals are relevant for community; annually recommend priorities to the HSC Board; committee must meet at least quarterly; membership should include direct service staff and agency managers.

The committee has been looking at a new community process to create a plan that reflects our current reality and brought this need to the HSC Board. We are looking for a plan that is simple, actionable and able to change with the rapidly changing circumstances we find ourselves in. The committee reviewed other community plans and have interviewed consultants that may be appropriate for helping us with this planning process, and it appears that this plan could cost up to \$200,000. Our request is for the City and the County to jointly fund that plan at actual cost, not to exceed \$200,000.

If you would like to discuss the HSC Board position, please contact bhinkfuss@housinginitiaives.org. If you have questions concerning the proposed plan, you may connect with the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Oversight Committee at hsc@cityofmadison.com. Thank you for your consideration.

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Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
Dane County Board Supervisors
Madison Alderpersons

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