

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Brian Knudson, Human
Services Board
INITIATED BY



10/28/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing the Release of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. to Develop a Family Centered Transitional Housing Program in Rock County

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022, the Rock County Board of Supervisors authorized the reservation of \$3 Million in ARPA funds for Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. (Family Services) to develop a family centered transitional living program (TLP) in Rock County; and,

WHEREAS, Family Services has worked diligently to develop and advance their plan for this program, which is called the Next Steps Transitional Living Program (TLP) and presented the proposed plan to the Rock County Board of Supervisors on September 22, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Family Services is finalizing the purchase of property for the project, developed initial architectural renderings for the building, and has engaged stakeholders in their planning throughout the process; and,

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2022, the Beloit Planning Commission unanimously approved a request to rezone the proposed property to accommodate its use as a transitional living program facility; and,

WHEREAS, Family Services now requests the release of the allocated funds in order to further advance the implementation plan for the Next Steps TLP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 17th day of November, 2022 does hereby authorize the release of \$3,000,000 of American Recovery Plan Act funds to Family Services to further implement the Next Steps Transitional Living Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funds will be provided to Family Services contingent upon approval of rezoning by the City of Beloit City Council and an agreement between Family Services and Rock County that specifies the required use of these funds consistent with the proposed plan for a transitional living program and in compliance with ARPA rules and other requirements to be specified in said agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Services Director is authorized to enter into an agreement with Family Services consistent with this resolution and all applicable contract review pursuant to section 2.229 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances.

FISCAL NOTE:

The \$3,000,000 of ARPA funds was set aside and is available for this purpose.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

As noted in the Fiscal Note, the County Board previously amended the 2022 budget to set aside these funds for this purpose. Release of the funds to Family Services was to be pending the submittal of a more detailed plan, including a specific location. These conditions have been met. The transfer of funds will be contingent on final rezoning approval by the City of Beloit and an agreement to specified terms. With previous direction by the Board and having these conditions satisfied, I recommend moving forward with the project at this time.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Human Services Board

Human Services Board recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Podzilni was absent.

Executive Summary

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This resolution authorizes the release of 3 million dollars in ARPA funding to Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. (Family Services) to further develop and implement a transitional living program (TLP) for vulnerable families who are residents of Rock County. These funds were allocated to Family Services for this purpose by the Rock County Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2022, with the understanding that the funds would be released after further progress was made on the development of a plan to implement the project.

Family Services has invested significant time and resources in the planning for this project. They are finalizing the purchase of property for the project. They developed initial architectural renderings for the building, and they have engaged stakeholders in their planning throughout the process. On September 22, 2022, Family Services leadership provided a report to the Rock County Board of Supervisors detailing progress on the implementation of the plan for the TLP, which will be known as *Next Steps TLP*. On October 19, 2022, the Beloit Planning Commission unanimously approved a request to rezone the proposed property to accommodate its use as a transitional living program facility and this rezoning request will be considered by the Beloit City Council at an upcoming meeting.

The funds will be provided to Family Services contingent upon approval of rezoning by the City of Beloit City Council and a contractual agreement between Family Services and Rock County will specify the required use of these funds consistent with the proposed plan for a transitional living program and in compliance with ARPA rules and other requirements.

While this resolution releases County ARPA funds to support the development of a TLP, Family Services would hold full responsibility for development and operation of the program. Like other services that provide supports to the families the County is mandated to serve, it is possible that HSD would propose to contract for services provided through the Family Services TLP once it is established. However, this resolution does not obligate any future County responsibility, funding, or contractual relationships.