



City of Racine, Wisconsin
AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:

June 14, 2018

SUBJECT:

FY 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant Contract Extension for Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) and Budget Amendment

PREPARED BY:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Department of City Development - Division of Housing and Community Development requests that the Community Development Committee amend the 2017 ESG contract to allow 2017 ESG funds to be used until May 31, 2019 and to allow a line item budgetary shift of from Homeless Prevention to Rapid Re-Housing.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

The Continuum of Care for the City and County of Racine and the Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO) (fiscal agent) are requesting a contract expiration date extension to use 2017 Emergency Solutions Grant funds.

Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization (HALO), Emergency Solutions Grant FY 2017 Contract states:

- I. *RETENTION OF SERVICES. The CITY hereby agrees to engage the CONTRACTOR and the CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform the services hereinafter set forth, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement to begin no earlier than **January 1, 2017** and continue through **June 30, 2018**.*

HALO has requested an extension of their 2017 ESG contract until **May 31, 2019** to fully spend 2017 ESG funds. HALO is the lead agency of 2017 ESG service funds and are requesting an extension due to the late arrival of 2017 ESG funds and to maintain a continuity of services.

In August 2017, Lutheran Social Services was granted ESG funds to administer Homeless Prevention Search and Stabilization (Case Management, Rent Arrears, Security Deposits, and Short-Term Rental Assistance). HALO is requesting that \$20,000 previously allocated to *Homeless Prevention Search and Stabilization* be allocated to *Rapid Re-Housing Search and Stabilization*. HALO also requests to add the allowable budget categories:

- *Short-Term Rental Assistance (1-3 months)*
- *Medium-Term Rental Assistance (3-24 months)*
- *Rental Arrears*
- *Security Deposits*
- *Utility Deposits*
- *Utility Payments*
- *Moving Costs*

This re-allocation of funds and category creation will allow for full continuation of services and the creation of new housing opportunities for homeless households.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The total HALO FY 2017 ESG contract budget will remain \$347,015.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve an extension of the 2017 ESG contract with HALO until May 31, 2019 and approve the budget as amended.