

**American Rescue Plan (ARP) State  
Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)  
Request Form**

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the process instructions.

**Agency/Point of Contact:** Department of Human Services, Andrea Simonett

**Title of Request:** Support for Ramsey County Emergency Shelters Facing Expiring COVID Funding

**Date:** 6/22/2022

**Request Amount:** \$ 6,000,000

**Expenditure Time Period:** 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023 (no later than 6/30/2023)

**Brief Summary of Request:** (Summary must be complete on this page with supporting information attached)

Throughout the pandemic, Ramsey County has joined other local and Tribal governments and nonprofit and philanthropic partners in creating additional emergency shelter capacity and isolation space for people experiencing homelessness, to help deconcentrate existing congregate shelter settings and provide safe places for people experiencing homelessness to recover safely from a COVID infection that did not require higher levels of medical treatment, and to provide additional shelter capacity for people otherwise staying outdoors. Ramsey County and its partners used temporary funding from the State of Minnesota administered by DHS's Office of Economic Opportunity and direct allocations of temporary Federal recovery funds to support these settings and the providers operating them. Unfortunately, these temporary sources that these partners have relied on are nearly expended, and will lead to the continual displacement of hundreds of shelter residents unless additional funding is secured.

As federal relief dollars run out, Ramsey County has been forced to close several shelters that were opened during the pandemic to house people experiencing homelessness. This proposal would support 100-200 shelter beds through June 2023. Funds would also help St. Paul and Ramsey County address a growing number of encampments that now include more than 110 people. In addition to providing immediate access to shelter and basic needs, the continued operation of the shelters will help connect people with permanent housing options. During a comparable period in 2021 (May – December 2021), Ramsey County's temporary shelter settings helped roughly 24 people secure housing each month they were operating.

This proposal represents the use of funds prioritized and requested by the Heading Home Ramsey, a Continuum of Care organization consisting of all partners working on homelessness in Ramsey County. Funds would be provided to Ramsey County for use within the defined purposes and among Ramsey County and its other partners in these shelter settings. The Department of Human Services has authority to award these funds to Ramsey County under Minnesota Statutes, section 256E.36.

Jodi Harpstead

Department Head Signature

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