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3 **RESOLUTION: Approving \$_____ from the Spirit Fund's Government**
4 **Identified Community Projects Category to Expand Solutions Recovery Housing**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

7 **WHEREAS**, Solutions Recovery started serving the local recovery community as a 12-step fellowship club
8 and meeting venue; and

9 **WHEREAS**, 2013 marked the beginning of Solutions' shift from a recovery club to a recovery community
10 organization with an art fair featuring the works of people in recovery; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2015 Solutions opened its first sober living home; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the sober living program has grown; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2017 Solutions first Program Coordinator was hired and a more structured approach to sober
14 living, together with a curriculum, was offered; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Solutions Recovery has grown to offer more than 30 sober living beds for men and women in
16 Winnebago County.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$_____
18 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to expand Solutions Recovery
19 Housing.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon
21 completion of the expansion, Solutions Recovery Housing will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago
22 County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the
23 completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

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25 *Fiscal Note: This resolution will not amend the County Budget. \$_____ will be authorized for use*
26 *from the Spirit Fund.*

Respectfully submitted by:

27 **ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION**

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29 Commission Vote:

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31 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Members Present**

32 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.

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35 Jonathan D. Doemel
36 Winnebago County Executive
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Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: 10/13/2023
FROM: Winnebago County Executive's Office
RE: Solutions Recovery Housing Expansion

General Description:

Proposal for portion of Solutions Recovery Housing expansion

Action Requested:

Direction to draft a resolution releasing a single grant issued to Solutions Recovery to assist in funding of expanded housing space.

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction: ARPA Strategy & Outcomes Commission Meeting date: 11/07/2023

Background:

Solutions Recovery started serving the local recovery community as a 12-step fellowship club and meeting venue. In 2013, Solutions opened to the general population with an art fair featuring the works of people in recovery; and this event marked the beginning of Solutions' shift from a recovery club to a recovery community organization. In 2015 Solutions opened its first sober living home to address the need presented for sober living in Winnebago County. Since its opening the sober living program has grown to be a place dedicated to providing women in the program resources to grow in their recovery. In 2017 the program shifted dramatically to provide curriculum and a more structured approach to sober living. The first program coordinator was hired to facilitate the continued growth of the program. Since then, Solutions has grown to offer more than 30 sober living beds for men and women in the Winnebago County community.

Since 2018, Solutions Recovery has exhibited a tremendous amount of growth in many ways. Programs were added to support and grow the reach of our mission and to meet the needs presented by not only our recovery community, but the broader community as well. Solutions is proud to serve the Fox Valley area with many programs that help those impacted by alcohol and drug addiction.

Solutions Recovery is an organization that supports and empowers individuals impacted by drug and alcohol addiction in our community. The mission is to increase the quality of life by helping individuals transform their lives through their recovery journey. They take pride in achieving a high success rate, with 85% of their sober living graduates becoming gainfully employed and productive members of the community.

Solutions Recovery listens to the needs of the community and works diligently to serve those needs. They have 19 paid staff members and recently underwent their first audit to demonstrate their ability to receive grants and comply with audit requirements.

The organization is currently undertaking the Solutions Recovery Housing Expansion project, located at 206 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI, with an estimated total cost of \$1,100,000. They are requesting a \$500,000 award from the Spirit Funding. This project will improve the quality of life in the county by expanding programming possibilities. The facility has undergone recent infrastructure upgrades, and

with full funding, Solutions Recovery can increase revenue from participant fees and contracts with partner agencies. The project will provide transitional living opportunities and explore emergency housing for individuals seeking a fresh start. It will serve residents from across the county and integrate them into the existing recovery community.

The project anticipates serving 100 individuals annually within Winnebago County and will track the individuals served through their Solutions Database tracking system. The project will increase the operational budget through participant fees, ensuring sustainability and financial stability for the organization. The attached budget document provides projections for revenue and expenses associated with the project. There are two options for facility utilization: a 21-bed sober living facility or 8 beds with other potential uses in collaboration with community partners.

Funding for the project includes \$150,000 from the City of Oshkosh, \$211,000 from the Neighborhood Investment Fund Pass Through Grant, and \$250,000 from private foundations, leaving \$611,000 to be raised. Spirit Fund dollars may be used as a match for other grants and funding opportunities. Conversations with private foundations are underway, and decisions are expected to be made by October 2023.

Policy Discussion:

The commission has recognized Government Identified Community Projects that support or enhance county services:

- 1) Solutions Recovery is a vital collaborator with county services including Behavioral Health, Public Health, Sheriff's Department, and the District Attorney's office.
- 2) Expanded and updated facilities allow for greater opportunity to serve county departments and clients in distress and seeking resources.
- 3) What amount of a grant would the commission request be allocated for the remaining project cost?

The following amounts represent a percentage of the remaining project cost:

\$152,750 = 25% 305,500 = 50% \$458,250 = 75%

Attachments:

Radio Quotes

Local Government Funding Document

Name of Organization leading the project/looking for funding: Solutions Recovery
Assigned Application Number: 8

Project Information as Sorted by Citizen Panel as of 9/5/2023

R/Y/G and original Application number: 8

Request from: Solutions Recovery

Type of project: Property acquisition/ AODA Recovery
(Yellow: see notes)

General Scope of Project: Solutions Recovery Housing Expansion

Project Lead: Solutions

Primary location: Housed in Oshkosh

of individuals served by project: Anticipated 100
Areas served: all of Winnebago County

Lasting impact: N/A

Completion Date: N/A
Project Stage: In process of implementing

Project Cost: \$1,100,000.00

Requested Amount: 500,000

Other Funding: City of Oshkosh: \$150,000
Neighborhood Investment grant: \$211,000
Private Foundations: \$250,000

Is full Amt Required: Yes

Other Govt. Funding: City of Oshkosh Community Development Block Grant
Winn. Co H&H and Public Health

Portion funded by local, state or federal government funding: <50%

Other ARPA Funds: Neighborhood Investment Grant

Ongoing Maint: Organization, fees cover

Increase to Operational budget: yes but fees make project self-sustaining

Legacy: yes

One-time funding: yes

Geographic service area: Winn. Co.

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Notes: if funding 1/2, how many are from Winnebago Co?

Geographical demographics. Would having received Neighborhood (ARPA) funds from Co. preclude from receiving this funding?

GOVT: Debt Avoidance: N/A

Sustainability focused: N/A

ER Response: N/A

Water Quality: N/A

Quality of Life: N/A

Funding to assist private investor: N/A