

## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 23, 2026  
To: Finance and Personnel Committee  
From: Owen Carter, Deputy Director of Program Operations *OC*  
Re: Acceptance of Community Solutions to receive a Case for Community Investment (Built for Zero)-Intervention for Unsheltered Homeless Grant Award

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Health & Human Services Department/Community Services Division is seeking City Council approval to accept a Case for Community Investment (Built for Zero)-Intervention for Unsheltered Homeless from Community Solutions in the amount of \$132,000. The grant "DOES NOT REQUIRE" a cost match. The grant term is from March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027.

### **The Grant Purpose**

To provide funds to support innovative and effective interventions for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Our plan is to begin assisting with 2 priority groups—people over 55 and those with income. We will incorporate anyone who is unsheltered as needed.

### **How Grant Funds Will Be Used**

This funding will be used to hold payments for landlords, shallow subsidy, back pay for rents, and other flex funding (including utility arrears/deposits, phones, transportation, documents, necessities for apartments). We will work with our current partnerships already in place. This is consistent with our current ending homelessness goals. This grant does NOT require the city to bear any additional costs.

**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**  
**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS**  
**SUBMITTED BY: FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD**

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WHEREAS, the City of Rockford has been selected by the Community Solutions to receive a Case for Community Investment (Built for Zero) – Intervention for Unsheltered Homeless grant award; and

WHEREAS, the grant has been awarded for the purpose of providing funds to support innovative and effective interventions for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockford intends to use the funds to hold payments for landlords, shallow subsidy, back pay for rents, and other flex funding options; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockford will receive \$132,000.00 to provide such services.

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, by the City Council of the City of Rockford that the City of Rockford accept the grant award and that the Mayor execute a Grant Agreement and any necessary documents in furtherance of acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption.

The above and foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Rockford, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April 2026.

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Mayor Thomas P. McNamara  
City of Rockford, Illinois

ATTEST:

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ANGELA HAMMER, Legal Director  
*Ex Officio* Keeper of the Records and  
Seal of the City of Rockford, Illinois

**RECOMMENDATION FOR RESOLUTION**

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD:**

Council Members:

The Committee on Finance & Personnel, to whom was referred the matter of approving acceptance of the Community Solutions Case for Community Investment (Built for Zero) – Intervention for Unsheltered Homeless grant award, hereby begs leave to report recommending approval of said award. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate resolution.

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Kevin Frost (Chair)

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Jonathan Logemann (Vice chair)

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Frank Beach

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Dawn Granath

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Chad Tuneberg

Frost:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Logemann:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Beach:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Granath:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___
Tuneberg:	Ayes:___	Nays:___	Absent:___

# COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

To whom it may concern,

Community Solutions is pleased to announce a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) offering up to **\$135,000** in grant funding to support innovative and effective interventions for individuals experiencing **unsheltered homelessness**. This initiative seeks to partner with qualified entities to provide critical services—such as enhanced street outreach, flexible funding, or low-barrier housing pathways—specifically designed for those living in places not meant for human habitation. We invite the **City of Rockford Health and Human Services Department** to submit a proposal that demonstrates a clear strategy for improving the health, safety, and long-term stability of your community's most vulnerable neighbors.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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