



RESOLUTION # 58-3/21

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 3-29

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 28
Against: 0
Abstain: 1
Abs/Excd: 0
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 9
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 0

RE: AUTHORIZING PURCHASES RELATED TO RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, La Crosse County Youth Justice was presented with a unique opportunity from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide financial support for Runaway and Homeless Youth Services (RHYS) within La Crosse County as the current provider, from the Chippewa/Eau Claire County area, was no longer able to fulfill DCF's contract; and,

WHEREAS, La Crosse County was awarded \$69,000 to support these runaway and homeless youth services through the current State contract period which runs from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, with the opportunity for local collaborative service providers to apply directly for future funding to support and sustain these services beyond this timeframe; and,

WHEREAS, La Crosse County Youth Justice and its youth serving partners report a significant need for service in this area, as evidenced by partner statistics highlighted in a recent Request for Proposal stating, "During the 2018-2019 school year, 227 La Crosse County students were reported to experience homelessness by school district personnel"; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of a recent Request for Proposal process, La Crosse County Youth Justice will use the RHYS award to contract with Black Leaders Acquiring Collective Knowledge (B.L.A.C.K.) in partnership with a number of youth serving agencies, including, but not limited to: The Center: 7 Rivers LGBTQ Connection, Cia Siab, Inc., The Good Fight Community Center, YWCA La Crosse, and Family and Children's Center Host Home Programs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the 2021 Runaway and Homeless Youth Services award in the amount of \$69,000, and the County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this Resolution after approval of Corporation Counsel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that La Crosse County is authorized to contract for all other services that are necessary to meet the terms of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Services contract as long as they can be supported with the related state funding; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding.

FISCAL NOTE: Award funds of a total \$69,000, with no County match required, and the award period ending December 31, 2021. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.510.5235 division within the County financial system under the Justice Support Services section.

Date: 3/9/21

[Signature]
COMMITTEE CHAIR

[Signature]
RECORDING CLERK

Date: _____

COMMITTEE CHAIR

RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____
Fin. Director	_____	<u>50</u>	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____

Requested By: Jason Witt
Date Requested: February 23, 2021
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 18 Day of March, 2021

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 18th day of March 2021.

[Signature]
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk