



**Committee on Administration
ADDENDUM**

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

2:30 p.m.

Courthouse – Room 3312
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

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however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.*

5. Distribution of ARPA Funding (process, suggestions on projects/use of remaining funding) – **Discussion/Action**

- Day Resource Center funding ask

13. Appointments:

Highway Committee:

- Supervisor Kirk Dahl

Prepared by: Samantha Kraegenbrink

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December 7th, 2023

TO: County Board Chair Nancy Coffey and County Board Supervisors

FROM: Susan Wolfgram

RE: County Funding Contribution for Day Resource Center

I am writing as the Chair of the Community Haven House Advisory Committee, President of the Community Haven House Inc. Board of Directors, and Co-Chair of the JONAH Affordable Housing Task Force. On behalf of the community stakeholders that are committed to the safety and well-being of those experiencing homelessness in our City and County, I am respectfully requesting that the following “ask” be an agenda item at your December 19th County Board meeting:

- We are asking that Eau Claire County match the \$1M dollars that the City has committed to both the Community Haven House temporary day shelter and the permanent Day Resource Center with remaining ARPA dollars or any other available County funding. **This “ask” is for the permanent Day Resource Center.**

Mission Statement Day Resource Center

The Day Resource Center’s mission is to support and strengthen community residents facing the complexities of housing insecurities by providing day-time shelter, holistic services, and advocacy for collaborative, locally driven solutions.

Brief Background:

In August of 2022, Eau Claire County graciously awarded Catholic Charities, fiscal agent for the Eau Claire Warming Center (subsequently named “Community Haven House”), \$100,000 of ARPA funding for operations costs. The City also allocated close to \$500,000 of ARPA funds for this purpose. In addition, the City dedicated \$500,000 of additional ARPA funds to purchase a permanent building for the Day Resource Center which we are currently pursuing.

You are aware that our services at the temporary location at Christ Church Cathedral will need to terminate on December 12th. This happened on a very short timeline (read more at <https://volumeone.org/articles/2023/11/22/331008-urgent-need-downtown-ec-day-shelter-told-to>). We have been seeking a temporary location; we have some leads but nothing firm to date. The City and County ARPA funding for this temporary location can support us through April 30th 2025, at which time our plans included having the permanent Day Resource Center up and running (please see the attached Eau Claire County ARPA Application narrative for background).

We have been following up on all available buildings downtown in addition to empty lots, some of them city owned. We estimate that our gap funding will be \$1-3M. We are also in conversation with the Pablo Foundation and Otto Bremer Trust for funding.

If the County is able to match the \$1M that the City has allocated, it is likely that with our local nonprofit partners, we would be able to obtain the additional funding to either purchase and renovate or build on an existing lot.

We thank you for your consideration of our request. Being unhoused or homeless does not end at the city limits. Ensuring the safety and dignity of those experiencing homelessness in our City and County is a shared responsibility along with community stakeholders.