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Request for Legislative Action

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REQUESTED MEETING DATE: 12/1/2025

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To be confirmed by County Counselor's Office:

Resolution No.: 22119

Sponsor: Jalen Anderson

Date: December 1, 2025

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DEPARTMENT: Housing Resources Commission

TITLE: Amending the agreement with Legal Aid of Western Missouri and the Housing Resources Commission

SUMMARY: A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Executive to amend the Agreement with Legal Aid of Western Missouri and the Housing Resources Commission to provide legal assistance to homeless persons and those at risk for becoming homeless for no more than \$35,000.00.

On September 3, 2025, The Jackson County Purchasing Department released RFP #23-0039 through the Bonfire System seeking proposals for 2025 Funding for Homeless Services for Homeless Individuals and Families in Jackson County, Missouri. RFP #23-0039 closed on September 30, 2025.

This is the first year the HRC has used Bonfire for its RFP. The Executive Director and Board were unfamiliar with its restrictions. The Board did not realize by putting a \$25,000 cap on the amount asked, that would prohibit awarding Legal Aid the \$60,000 usually awarded to fund their Homeless Prevention Case Manager.

The Housing Resources Commission Board of Directors evaluated the proposals and scored them in the Bonfire system. The HRC Board and Director met on October 29 to discuss the evaluations and vote on the award. From those discussions the Housing Resources Commission Board selected 12 agencies to receive funding in 2025.

During this meeting, the HRC Board also voted unanimously to award Legal Aid the \$25,000 under the RFP and an additional \$35,000 citing that Legal Aid of Western Missouri... " provides a unique and valuable service no other agency provides" and... "that preventing homelessness is our first priority".

During that same meeting, the HRC Board was advised by the County Counselor's office that an amendment for a supplemental amount to equal their request can be made through RLA.

Legal Aid has met the County's liability insurance requirements, obtained tax clearance for taxes due/exempted as of December 31, 2024, and have submitted documents with their proposals that comply with Executive Order 04-18, thus are deemed in compliance with the requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:**NO** ☐

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail
\$35,000	CC7001	HRC	

YES ☒**ACTION NEEDED:** AUTHORIZE**ATTACHMENTS:**

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