

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Mankato is a municipal corporation and political subdivision duly organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Mankato has adopted a Consolidated Plan and affordable housing is identified as a community need; and

WHEREAS, a need has been identified for additional affordable housing in the City to support those who are homeless, based on 2020 Housing Study commissioned by the City of Mankato and the Mankato Housing Action Plan adopted in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mankato through its Economic Development Authority (the EDA), developed an Administrative Plan that guides affordable housing through the Housing Choice Voucher program; and

WHEREAS, the EDA has Continuum of Care funds designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and supports partnerships between local governments/public housing agencies and non-profits to serve a population that has been traditionally hard to reach; and

WHEREAS, the EDA administers the Housing Choice Voucher rent assistance program and provides 8 project based rent assistance vouchers as a cash match to ensure very low income households are provided stable, affordable housing and address homelessness.

WHEREAS, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating affordable housing and owner of affordable housing projects in Mankato including Cherry Ridge Apartments, Sibley Parkway Apartments, and Homestead Apartments, and is sponsoring 8 units for permanent supportive housing with supportive services for low and moderate income households who are homeless with incomes below 50% of area median income; and

WHEREAS, Blue Earth County Human Services has committed to providing case management services using the Continuum of Care funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the EDA authorizes the Executive Director to enter the Memorandum of Understanding with Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership and Blue Earth County Human Services for the administration of Continuum of Care grant agreement.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and without publication.

Adopted this 10th day of March 2025.

Najwa Massad Board Chair

Attest: _____
Susan MH Arntz, Executive Director