

RESOLUTION NO. 21-71

MOVED by Hildebrandt SECONDED by Neil that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's mission is to provide safe shelter, confidential services, and housing assistance to individuals in crisis due to homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Cedar Valley Friends of the Family envisions a future where everyone has a home.

WHEREAS Bremer County wishes to assist Cedar Valley Friends of the Family in providing client assistance and case management services to assist individuals, families, and survivors of violence from Bremer County that are experiencing homelessness through a funding commitment of \$8,000 for FY22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bremer County approves and authorizes the Chair to sign the attached Letter of Agreement between Bremer County, Iowa, and Cedar Valley Friends of the Family to provide rental assistance and case management services to assist individuals, families, and survivors of violence from Bremer County that are experiencing homelessness.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of September, 2021.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BETWEEN Bremer County

AND

Cedar Valley Friends of the Family

This Agreement is made and entered into this 13th day of September, 2021 by and between Bremer County, Iowa, a political subdivision of the State of Iowa, hereinafter referred to as the County, and Cedar Valley Friends of the Family.

I. Purpose

Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's mission is to provide safe shelter, confidential services, and housing assistance to individuals in crisis due to homelessness, domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Cedar Valley Friends of the Family envisions a future where everyone has a home. Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's housing programs provide individuals, families, and survivors of violence who are experiencing homelessness from

Bremer County with the services and supports needed to assist them in regaining safe and stable housing while becoming self-sufficient.

Cedar Valley Friends of the Family addresses the need for safe shelter for people experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking in Bremer County. Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's safe shelter program provides an around-the-clock response to survivors of violence with safety needs. Upon receiving a call, a trained crisis advocate conducts a lethality assessment to determine the level of safety risk. This assessment is based on risk factors for lethal intimate partner violence. Any caller who screens lethal is offered an immediate response, including transportation to a safe and confidential place to stay.

Cedar Valley Friends of the Family uses the "Housing First" model that prioritizes helping participants that have the largest barriers to being housed. Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's housing programs provide participants with client assistance and intensive case management services to assist individuals, families, and survivors of violence move from homeless to permanently housed. Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's staff provide housing assessments and housing placement services in private market housing that meets quality standards and fair market rent. Case management services provided include education on financial literacy, life skills, landlord tenant relationships, employment skills, along with access to mental health and substance abuse services. Client assistance can include rent or utility assistance, transportation assistance such as gas cards or vehicle repairs, work uniforms or interview clothes, critical healthcare or medication costs, and other crisis needs related to accessing safe and affordable housing.

The County wishes to assist Cedar Valley Friends of the Family in providing client assistance and case management services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Bremer County.

II. Obligations

The County does hereby agree to support Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's housing programs by providing client assistance and case management services to assist individuals, families, and survivors of violence from Bremer County that are experiencing homelessness. The county shall:

- 1) Within 30 days of receiving Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's quarterly claims the county will make a payment for services rendered.

Cedar Valley Friends of the Family does hereby agree to the following in response to the county's funding commitment:

- 1) Cedar Valley Friends of the Family housing programs shall use funding received from Bremer County to provide client assistance and case management services to

individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Bremer County's funding shall be spent within Bremer County and for the benefit of Bremer County residents.

- 2) Cedar Valley Friends of the Family will display the logo for Bremer County whenever feasible in all public displays, signs, newly printed brochures, and other items developed for distribution in Bremer County.
- 3) As soon as practicable after June 30, 2022, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family shall provide Bremer County a written report covering the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. At a minimum, the report shall include:
 - a. Use of Bremer County funds, including responses to the following questions:
 - i. Were all funds provided by Bremer County expended to provide client assistance and case management services to participants of the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's housing programs? If not, explain how the funds were used, what amount remains unexpended, and anticipated date of expenditure.
 - ii. Were all funds provided by Bremer County expended in Bremer County? If not, approximately what percentage was spent outside Bremer County?
 - b. A list of other financial and non-financial participants supporting Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, along with the level of support provided (name of contributing organizations and amount contributed by each)
 - c. Number of crisis calls answered from Bremer County.
 - d. Number of survivors provided with nights of safety from Bremer County.
 - e. Number of individuals and families receiving client assistance from Bremer County.
 - f. Number of program participants that go from homeless to being housed in less than 30 days once accepted into the program.
 - g. Other statistics, as determined by Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, to track measurable change and client satisfaction.

III. Duration and Termination

The initial term of this agreement shall begin on July 1, 2021 and expire on June 30, 2022.

Upon the expiration of the initial term and any extension thereof, this agreement may be extended for an additional term of one year if such extension is affirmed in writing by both parties.

Any notice or demand required or desired to be given hereunder shall be in writing and deemed given when personally delivered or when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, sent certified or registered, and addressed as follows:

If to Bremer County, Iowa:

County Administrator
Bremer County Board of Supervisors
415 E Bremer Ave #3
Waverly, Iowa 50667

If to Cedar Valley Friends of the Family:

Ben Brustkern, Executive Director
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family's
PO Box 784
Waverly, Iowa 50677

IV. Amendment of Agreement

Any amendment to this agreement shall be made in writing upon agreement of the County and Cedar Valley Friends of the Family and after appropriate discussion and public dialogue. Any amendment is not effective until approved by resolution of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

Cedar Valley Friends of the Family

By:
Print Name: Ben Brustkern
Executive Director

County of Bremer

By:
Print Name: Ken Kammeyer
Chair, Bremer County Board of
Supervisors