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HRA Meeting : Familiar Families Update

March 11, 2026

Familiar Families Pilot Update

- **Overview of Familiar Families Pilot**
- **Roles between the City and County**
- **Next Steps and Timeline**





Familiar Families Pilot:

- **A grant agreement between the HRA and Ramsey County**
- **Program designed to support up to 5 families at a time who have not been successful in traditional shelters because of multiple, complex, and persistent needs.**
- **Would provide shelter and trauma-informed wrap-around services.**
- **Eligibility of participants include:**
 - **Families with a history of 4+ years experiencing homelessness (McKinney-Vento definition)**
 - **Families who have been restricted/banned from at least one existing family shelter or a County-funded hotel program.**



Roles and Responsibilities:

- **City of St. Paul:**
 - **Provide funding in the amount of \$500,000 through the HRA to Ramsey County**
 - **Monitor Ramsey County's performance of the pilot**

- **Ramsey County**
 - **Oversee the implementation of the Familiar Families pilot**
 - **Contract services for the pilot program**
 - **Provide all necessary reporting, documentation and updates to the HRA**



Next Steps and Timeline:

- **The agreement was fully executed and approved during the 3/10 Ramsey County Board Meeting**
- **Ramsey County will move forward with a RFP for services**
- **June 2026 is the expected timeframe for the start of the pilot program**

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