



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 17, 2025

Re: Authorizing partner agreement with Institute for Community Alliances for HMIS access

Executive Summary

A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement between the City of Columbia and the Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) for access to the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS).

Discussion

HMIS is a local client information technology system administered by ICA. The system collects data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care is a group of agencies within the HUD designated geographical region working together to end homelessness. These agencies contract with ICA for access to the HMIS.

ICA has contracted with WellSky to maintain the file server and software which contains all City of Columbia information, including encrypted identifying information, entered into the HMIS. ICA is responsible for the HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards.

This Partner Agreement allows for continued use of the HMIS. It provides confidentiality of client data, while allowing information sharing between agencies based on the client's decisions. This allows City staff to run the Prioritization List, and case conference people on the list in Boone County twice per month. This process allows the people with the most risks access to the most resources. There is no cost for this system.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Legislative History

Date	Action
	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.