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**2021 RES-267**

**APPROVING ALLOCATION PLAN FOR FEDERAL  
EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS  
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

As the COVID-19 pandemic recovery continues, the related crisis of the nation’s economic downturn has left many families facing continued unemployment and housing instability.

On December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the federal government approved a \$900 billion COVID-19 relief bill authorizing additional funding to respond to the pandemic across multiple areas of need. The act included \$25 billion in funding for emergency rental assistance (ERA 1).

The State of Wisconsin received over \$320 million dollars in ERA 1 from the December 2020 stimulus and granted more than \$10.2 million of their allocation to support Dane County’s continued efforts to prevent widespread evictions and promote housing stability for renters.

Pursuant to Res 108, the Dane County Department of Human Services’ Housing Access and Affordability Division is providing the following allocation plan for the funding. A total of \$9,201,764.70 is available in direct assistance to applicants, and a total of \$1,022,418.30 is available to allocate for administration of these ERA 1 funds. Funding is intended to be distributed as follows:

**Emergency Rental Assistance Payments to Tenants/Landlords**

\$7,701,764.70 would be available to assist with emergency rental assistance payments for Dane County tenants/landlords. The funds would be administered by Dane County’s current contracted partner to administer emergency rental assistance, Urban Triage, Inc.

**Security Deposit Payments to Tenants/Landlords**

\$500,000 would be available to assist specifically with entry costs (security deposits and first month’s rent) for households experiencing homelessness. The definition of homelessness includes those who are in shelter, unsheltered, or those who are experiencing “doubled-up” homelessness (ex. living with others and not included on the lease where they are staying, or self-paying for a hotel stay).

Funds are proposed to be distributed by the vendor selected to administer ARP Housing Navigation Services via RFP #121086.

**Emergency Rental Assistance for Court Involved Tenants**

\$1,000,000 would be available to assist with court settlements at eviction court proceedings for Dane County tenants who reside outside the City of Madison. Funding would be awarded via RFP, to be combined with the RFP process for \$250,000 in legal services funding. (Legal services funding authorized in the 2022 Dane County Budget.)

52 **Emergency Rental Assistance Administration**

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54 At least \$80,000 would be available to support administrative costs related to distributing  
55 security deposit payments.

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57 Up to \$80,000 would be available to support administrative costs related to distributing  
58 emergency rental assistance for court involved tenants.

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60 Up to \$753,482.42 would be provided to Urban Triage, Inc. to fund costs related to  
61 administration of the emergency rental assistance payments to tenants/landlords. The  
62 additional funding will enable Urban Triage, Inc. to continue operating the  
63 program/administering emergency rental assistance funds through 2022 and into 2023.

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65 At least \$82,815.88 would be provided to the City of Madison to pay for the addition of  
66 the County's additional ERA 1 allocation to the Neighborly ERA Administration platform.  
67 The City of Madison holds the contract with Neighborly. Neighborly is the ERA  
68 application platform that all Dane Core 2.0 collaborative agencies use to process  
69 applications from tenants/landlords and distribute emergency rental assistance funds.

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71 At least \$26,120 would support a marketing expansion for services currently provided by  
72 6AM Marketing. 6AM Marketing is the selected vendor under contract with Urban Triage  
73 and the City of Madison to provide marketing for Dane CORE 2.0.

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75 Final amounts for activities may change based on RFP responses and contract  
76 negotiations with vendors. Final amounts will be reflected in applicable future legislative  
77 actions that are introduced to the Dane County Board regarding this funding.

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79 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of  
80 Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby approve the \$10,224,183 allocation  
81 plan for federal the emergency rental assistance from the State of Wisconsin.