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2022 RES-128
AMENDING THE 2022 BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A
FOOD PANTRY AID PROGRAM

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This project is proposed to be funded with a portion of the county's American Rescue Plan allocation. Therefore, this resolution follows the format outlined in 2021 RES-013.

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Justification: Since March of 2020, Dane County has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic has caused financial stress to many individuals and households and has caused economic dislocation due to losses of employment. More recently, inflationary pressures in the general economy and supply chain changes have caused increased food insecurity in Dane County. Increases in the price of gasoline, food and rent have caused economic stress in many households in Dane County. This stress has dramatically increased demand at local food pantries. These economic forces have also increased the cost for local pantries to secure food to meet the demand.

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This program will involve two main expenditures. First, up to \$98,500 will be allocated to allow the Badger Needs Network to purchase a truck. This purchase will allow BPNN to pick up bulk surplus food stuffs from the new Costco store in Verona. Second, the county will request service proposals from local pantries. Based on the service proposals, the county expects to make grants to pantries that will allow them to expand the purchase of food to meet increases in demand.

Pandemic Response: Local pantries have reached out to the county seeking aid to meet the increased demand they are experiencing. This demand, and the pantries' ability to meet the demand, is partially the result of economic disruptions caused by the pandemic. Former sources of food supplies for pantries have diminished as supermarket chains have begun to experience smaller food surpluses due to supply chain disruptions and changes in consumer behavior.

Leverage: The county's contribution will be \$2 million towards the program. As this is a direct aid initiative, there are no other funds available to leverage the county's contribution.

Duplication: The project is not duplicative of known services.

Guidance: Treasury guidance provides the county has broad authority for expenditures that address the pandemic and its economic impacts.

Outcomes: The expected outcome is a reduction in food insecurity.

44 **Reporting**: Reporting for the initiative has yet to be determined.

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46 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that revenue account 66000 81367 “ARP Revenue”
47 be increased by \$2,000,000 and that expenditure account 66000 NEW “ARP Food
48 Pantry Aid” be created with a budget amount of \$2,000,000; and

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50 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Controller’s Office is authorized to issue payments
51 pursuant to the initiative.