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2021 RES-284

AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ISOLATION/QUARANTINE SHELTER OPERATIONS DCDHS – HAA DIVISION

This project is funded with the County's allocation of local aid authorized in the 2021 American Rescue Plan. Therefore, this resolution follows the format outlined in 2021 RES-013.

9 <u>Justification</u> 10

<u>Authorizing Law:</u> In March of 2021, the federal government authorized the \$1.9 trillion American
Rescue Plan (ARP) stimulus bill authorizing additional funding to respond to and recover from
the COVID-19 pandemic across multiple areas of need.

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Dane County was allocated over \$106 million in ARP local aid. A portion of those funds has
been committed to various efforts to prevent and end homelessness and limit spread of COVID-

- 17 19 through efforts to provide social distancing in the congregate shelter system. Funding was
- 18 authorized in the 2022 Dane County Budget to assist with non-congregate sheltering efforts for
- 19 people experiencing homelessness.
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<u>Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic</u>: Preventing exposure to and spread of COVID-19 among
households experiencing homelessness has been a pillar of Dane County's pandemic
response. Beginning in March of 2020, Dane County funded non-congregate hotel shelter
operations and assisted with other congregate shelter expansions to quickly create critical social
distancing in the community's homeless shelter system, partnering with numerous hotels to
provide rooms, and with the City of Madison, Public Health Madison-Dane County, and frontline
agencies to administer the program.

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29 The Dane County Department of Human Services – Housing Access and Affordability Division

(HAA) seeks to contract with Equitable Social Solutions, LLC to provide non-congregate shelter
for people experiencing homelessness who are symptomatic/positive for COVID-19 or a close

32 contact for a positive COVID-19 case. The contract term will be January 1, 2022 to June 30,
33 2022.

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35 <u>Duplication of Funding/Existing Partnerships and Programs:</u> The funding is not duplicative for a

36 program providing non-congregate isolation/quarantine shelter for people experiencing

37 homelessness who are symptomatic/positive for COVID-19 or a close contact for a positive

38 COVID-19 case.

39 Expected Outcomes and Data Collection

- 40 Expected program outcomes include the safe recovery and discharge of people who are
- 41 positive for COVID-19, and safe shelter and discharge of people who need to quarantine due to
- 42 symptoms prior to test results or due to being a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case. The
- 43 average number of people served by this program at any given time fluctuates based on
- 44 COVID-19 spread at any given time.

45 Data collection will minimally include the number of and demographics for the people served by 46 the program. 47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following contract be awarded (term of

48 January 1, 2022 – June 30 2022) and that the County Executive and County Clerk are hereby

49 authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller

- 50 is authorized to make payments:
- 51 <u>Vendor</u>

52 Equitable Social Solutions, LLC

Contract Amount \$1,049,346

53 Total Expenditure: \$1,049,346

54 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Board requests quarterly reports be shared with

the members of the County Board, and that the Health and Human Needs Committee reviewthe reports on a quarterly basis and discuss how the information presented addresses

57 anticipated program outcomes.