2022 RES-245

AWARDING MAJOR CONTRACTS FOR FOOD PANTRY AID ARP GRANT DCDHS – EAWS DIVISION

Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) Economic Assistance and Work Services (EAWS) Division is seeking authority to award major contracts to five non-profit agencies providing support to communities impacted by COVID-19. This one-time grant is the result of a grant-making process using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds. There were 18 non-profit agencies that applied for total funding requested of \$5.8 million. Dane County is awarding \$2 million across all 18 agencies. Those receiving under \$100,000 are as follows:

13	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
14	WISCONSIN YOUTH COMPANY INC.	\$50,021.00
15	MISSION NUTRITION DEFOREST, INC.	\$50,021.00
16	MCFARLAND COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY, INC.	\$50,000.00
17	SUN PRAIRIE EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY, INC.	\$95,236.00
18	EXTENDED HANDS PANTRY, INC.	\$50,021.00
19	IRWIN A. AND ROBERT D. GOODMAN COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.	\$50,564.00
20	OREGON AREA FOOD PANTRY, INC.	\$50,021.00
21	LUSSIER COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER, INC.	\$67,627.00
22	DEERFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.	\$50,021.00
23	JFMJ ACADEMY, INC.	\$50,021.00
24	NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS, INC.	\$50,021.00
25	HEIGHTS UNLIMITED COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER	\$50,000.00
26	VERA COURT NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, INC.	\$50,021.00

This project will follow the requirements as outlined in 2022 RES-128. This resolution follows the format outlined in 2021 RES-013.

<u>Justification</u>: EAWS has been granted funding authority within 2022 RES-128 to offer and allocate one-time grants to Dane County non-profit agencies to bolster their efforts to meet client and community needs for those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 caused economic dislocation due to losses of employment. More recently inflationary pressures in the general economic and supply chain changes have caused increased food insecurities in Dane County. Increases in the price of gasoline, food and rent have caused economic stress in many households in Dane County. This stress 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.

Eligibility: Only Dane County non-profit food pantries with 501(c)3 certification focused on alleviating food insecurity with fixed location in Dane County currently receiving TEFAP commodities with adequate cooler and dry good storage for bulk delivery and large scale food distribution capabilities were eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. Eligible non-profits did not need to be current DCDHS purchase of service (POS) providers to qualify, as the intent of this initiative was to support emerging organizations doing community based work during the pandemic. The grant period runs through December 31, 2024.

Pandemic Response: Grant activities include the following: 1) Purchase of culturally relevant food

2) Expansion of, or needed adaptation to, any current operating expenses to increase food security for Dane County residents; or 3) Improve food distribution infrastructure.

<u>Leverage</u>: 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.

<u>Guidance</u>: Treasure guidance provides the county has board authority for expenditures that address the pandemic and its economic impacts.

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

 Reporting: Grantee shall report implementation progress quarterly. Grantee will submit a final report by March 1, 2025 that shall summarize numbers served, program activities and service impact, dollars expended, outcomes or the impact their activities had on the community served by the grant activities including the equity challenge addressed.

 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following contracts be awarded and that the County Executive and the County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreements on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to issue checks for grant issuance to all qualified agencies identified by the Department to receive funding under this initiative.

76	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
77	DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MADISON, INC., SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$223,349.00
78	BADGER PRAIRIE NEEDS NETWORK, INC.	\$125,643.00
79	COMMUNITY ACTIO COALITION FOR SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN, INC.	\$530,844.00
80	MIDDLETON OUTREACH MINISTRY, INC.	\$201,842.00
81	THE RIVER FOOD PANTRY, INC.	\$111,686,22