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DANE COUNTY 2022 EMERGENCY HARM REDUCTION AND PREVENTION ACT DCDHS – ACS DIVISION

6 Deaths involving opioids, particularly fentanyl have been steadily increasing in Dane County 7 since 2016. In 2021, 149 people in Dane County passed away due to opioid-related overdoses 8 - reflecting 86% of all overdose deaths. Opioid-related deaths in Dane County have increased 9 more than 30% in the past five years. Overall, overdose deaths involving fentanyl are up close 10 to 70% in that same time frame. Fentanyl was determined to be a contributing factor in over three guarters of the county's overdose deaths in 2021. According to the Public Health of 11 12 Madison and Dane County's 2022 Annual Report on Drug Overdose Deaths, the age-adjusted 13 drug overdose death rate among Black people was more than three times the rate among White 14 people from 2018-2020. In comparison to other races, Black people have experienced sharp 15 increases in drug overdose death rates in the past decade.

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17 Funds from the settlement of lawsuits with opioid manufacturers have recently come through to 18 Dane County. There was a total of \$1.5 million included in the 2022 adopted budget to support 19 treatment and peer support activities. As a result of this settlement, the additional available 20 funds will be used for harm reduction and overdose prevention activities. The federal Substance 21 Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration defines harm reduction as an approach that emphasizes engaging directly with people who use drugs to prevent overdose and infectious 22 23 disease transmission, improve the physical, mental, and social wellbeing of those served, and 24 offer low-threshold options for accessing substance use disorder treatment and other health 25 care services. Two organizations that are heavily involved in these harm reduction activities in 26 Dane County are Safe Community Coalition of Madison and Dane County (a.k.a.: Safe 27 Communities) and Outreach.

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Outreach will receive \$50,000 of these funds to strengthen the Pride in Prevention Coalition,
creating increased awareness and prevention services to populations disproportionately

31 impacted by overdoses and by fentanyl poisoning.

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33 Safe Communities has access to a vast network of coalitions, providers, and recovery coaches 34 by which it can make sure resources such as fentanyl test strips and naloxone can make it into 35 the hands of those individuals who need it most. Safe Communities will subcontract with the 36 African American Opioid Coalition of Dane County for \$100,000. This coalition is a project 37 developed in collaboration with Safe Communities and was formed to address racial disparities 38 affecting African Americans with respect to disparate impacts of opioid addiction on Black 39 families and communities in Madison and Dane County. Safe Communities will also work with 40 the dozen Senior Focal Points in Dane County to distribute up to \$15,000 worth of harm reduction tools and medication lock boxes for those in need. Safe Communities will also work 41 42 with local providers serving those who are experiencing homelessness and with the Recovery 43 Coalition of Dane County to distribute up to \$10,000 worth of harm reduction tools in each area. 44 Finally, Safe Communities has also been coordinating with local school districts to implement 45 the use of the Life Skills Training, a research based prevention curriculum for high school and

46 late-elementary school age youth, The cost for the piloting of this curriculum is \$120,000.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following revenue account be adjusted and
that the revenue increase be credited to the County General Fund and transferred from the
General Fund to the following expenditure accounts in the Department of Human Services:

52 53	Revenue Account Number		Account Title	Amount
55 55	460000	85594	Opiate Settlement Revenue	\$464,900
55 56 57	Expenditure Account Number		Account Title	Amount
57 58 59	468331	35408	Community Prevention, Organization, and Awareness	\$414,900
60 61	467000	35601	Outreach	\$ 50,000
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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the following contracts be amended and that the County
Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreements on
behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to payment payments related to the
execution of the amendments.

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67	<u>Vendor</u>	Amendment Amount
68	Safe Community Coalition of Madison and Dane County	\$414,900
69	Outreach	\$ 50,000