2023 RES-261

ACCEPTING ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND SIGNING AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF MADISON FOR CARES TEAM DCDHS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

The Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) is receiving additional funds from the City of Madison to expand the Crisis Alternative Response Emergency Services (CARES) Team. The CARES Team is a pairing of Community Paramedics from the Madison Fire Department with Crisis Workers at Journey Mental Health Center. The CARES Team serves as an alternative mobile response unit within the county's crisis services continuum. Current mobile responses include law enforcement and crisis workers who respond either independently or together to behavioral health crises.

These additional funds support the expansion of CARES to include weekend responses to people experiencing a behavioral health crisis. CARES is available throughout the City of Madison and operates from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. CARES is one way in which individuals in crisis in Dane County can receive a professional mobile response. Through separate contracts, crisis workers from Journey Mental Health Center's Emergency Services Unit can also respond to calls, typically from first responders who are already with the person in crisis. Crisis workers are also embedded with law enforcement agencies and can co-respond to people experiencing a crisis.

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

Revenue Account Number		**Account Title**	**Amount**
96000	86428	CITY OF MADISON CRISIS ALT RESPONSE	$164,000

Expenditure Account Number		**Account Title**	**Amount**
96464	35501	CRISIS INTERVENTION	$164,000

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Executive and the County Clerk approve and sign the "Agreement for the Placement of Staff for the Crisis Response Team between the County of Dane and the City of Madison."