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2024 RES-196

**CONTRACT TO CITY OF MADISON FOR
NEIGHBORLY ADMINISTRATION FEES FOR EMERGENCY
RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

This contract is funded with the County’s allocation of emergency rental assistance funds (ERA 2) authorized in the 2021 American Rescue Plan. Therefore, this resolution follows the format outlined in 2021 RES-013.

Justification

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

The Act included \$21.5 billion in funding for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 2), with Dane County to receive more than \$13 million of that amount to support local efforts to prevent evictions and provide housing stability.

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Many renters have fallen behind on their rent, or are in need of assistance to pay future rent, due to continued hardship related to the COVID-19 pandemic’s effect on our economy. The CDC eviction moratorium expired on July 31st, 2021. The additional emergency rental assistance authorized in the American Rescue Plan can be used in a number of ways to help households in Dane County achieve housing stability and avoid eviction.

The Dane County Department of Human Services’ (DCDHS) Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) seeks to pay \$156,300.00 to the City of Madison for payment of user fees for the Neighborly application platform. This includes records retention until 2030.

The City of Madison holds a contract for the system, which enables the community’s emergency rental assistance providers, the City of Madison staff, and Dane County staff, to administer the Dane CORE 2.0 program through a community collaboration.

Neighborly charges a .9% fee for the first funding source being disbursed through its platform. Subsequent funding sources are now charged by user fee. \$156,300.00 is the total amount to be paid to distribute Dane County’s ERA 2 allocation \$13,310,609.50 through the Neighborly system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors approves a contract in the amount of \$156,300.00 with the City of Madison, authorizes the County Executive and County Clerk to execute the contract documents, and authorizes the Dane County Controller to issue checks for payment of contract invoices.

Vendor Name
City of Madison

Contract Amount
\$156,300.00