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**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SOLACE FRIENDS, INC. FOR
END OF LIFE HOUSING FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

The Dane County Department of Human Services – Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) seeks to contract with Solace Friends, Inc. to administer an end of life shelter program for individuals experiencing homelessness in need of end of life care.

As part of the Dane County Executive’s 2024 budget, \$100,000 in GPR was authorized to provide shelter and support services, administered by Solace Friends, Inc., for up to 4 unhoused individuals with a terminal illness. The contract term will be January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

The most recent Dane County Continuum of Care data indicates there were 49 deaths of people experiencing homelessness in the most recent 18 month period. Local shelters are operating at historic capacities and hospitals are struggling to discharge patients who are housing insecure to appropriate post-acute care. In January, Dane County’s emergency shelters serving single adult men reached historic levels averaging 291 guests an evening and peaking at 347 guests. Additionally, Dane County’s emergency shelter serving single adult women has been peaking at 80 guests during the winter months.

Households enrolled in the adult family home with Solace Friends, Inc. will be eligible for services that include shelter in the 4 bedroom adult family home, medical support, end of life care, case management, connection to resources and basic needs while enrolled in hospice care. Solace anticipates serving up to 20 individuals annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a \$100,000 contract be approved for Solace Friends, Inc. (term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024) and that the County Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to make payments:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
Solace Friends, Inc.	\$100,000

Total Expenditure: \$100,000