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**AWARDING CONTRACT FOR YOUTH MENTORING SERVICES TO
UNITED WAY OF DANE COUNTY, INC.
DCDHS – CYF DIVISION**

The Dane County Department of Human Services budget includes \$100,000 to develop an at-risk youth mentoring pilot project to set up a community team that can advocate and mentor young people who might otherwise be at risk of behavior that can lead to trouble with the criminal justice system. DCDHS will partner with United Way of Dane County, Inc. to expand upon existing work in the area of youth mentoring programming.

United Way Dane County (UWDC) will contribute \$270,000 over two years to serve 37 justice involved youth with awarded funds to mentorship programs from the Cheryl Rosen Weston Fund. Dane County has committed to partnering with UWDC and investing an additional \$100,000 each year into mentoring for justice involved youth and those at risk of justice involvement of 12 additional youth to bring the total amount of youth served to 49.

It is hoped that this additional support will help decrease recidivism by engaging youth with a positive adult role model. The mentors are able to support the youth and provide a non-systems individual who would be able to continue after system involvement is concluded. These funds cover recruitment, training, staffing, Mentor reimbursement and Mentee stipends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board approves the award of a contract with United Way of Dane County, Inc. for the period March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 and authorizes the County Executive and County Clerk to execute the contract documents, and authorizes the Controller to issue checks for payment of contract invoices.