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2018 RES-478
AMENDING THE 2019 OPERATING BUDGET FOR A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE GRANT TO ADDRESS DISPROPORTIONATE MINORITY CONTACT – DCDHS
CYF DIVISION

6 For the last decade, Dane County has researched and recognized the racial inequity between
7 youth of color and white youth--as well as adults--in their corresponding justice systems. The
8 2009 Disproportionate Minority Contact Solutions Workgroup Report, and the 2009 Task Force
9 on Racial Disparities in the Adult Criminal Justice System, were dedicated to crafting solutions to
10 address inequities.

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12 Each report yielded policy and procedural changes, as well as movement into justice paradigm
13 shifts - highlighted by Dane County's commitment to restorative justice models in both the youth
14 and adult systems.

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16 Recent youth justice incidents have heightened the community's awareness and request for
17 change in the overall system. Dane County youth justice stakeholders have provided local,
18 county, and state parties with data that confirms an ongoing racial equity gap, even while overall
19 arrest numbers have declined.

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21 As the Dane County community works on crafting current policy and procedural changes, it is
22 imperative to focus on system improvements, as well as local solutions. The State of Wisconsin
23 Department of Justice has awarded the Dane County Department of Human Services \$83,120 to
24 address disproportionate minority contact with two approaches:

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26 1. Systems approach--gathering of all youth justice stakeholders to craft recommendations
27 around the current youth justice problems, including racial inequity and high utilization of multiple
28 systems by a small number of youth.

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30 2. Police and community trust building: local police departments will partner with local leaders of
31 color and community members in an effort to address existing barriers and build community trust.

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33 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a new revenue account 53000 85165 "DOJ-
34 Disproportionate Minority Contact" shall be established under the Department of Human Services
35 budget for \$83,120 and that expense account 53000 30662 "DOJ-Disproportionate Minority
36 Contact Consulting Expense" shall also be increased by \$83,120.

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38 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Department of Human Services make a report for review
39 by the Criminal Justice Council - Racial Disparities Subcommittee in July 2019 and a final report
40 to the Subcommittee at grant period closure.