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**2017 RES-237**  
**ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDS FOR MADISON AREA RECOVERY INITIATIVE AND**  
**CREATING NEW BUDGET LINES FOR CONTRACT WITH CONNECTIONS COUNSELING**  
**DCDHS – ACS DIVISION**

6 The Dane County Department of Human Services is receiving a portion of funds from a grant in  
7 order to establish a new services contract with Connections Counseling. The City of Madison  
8 Police Department (MPD) is the recipient of a Smart Policing Initiative Grant from the U.S.  
9 Department of Justice that covers the period of Aug 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020. This grant is  
10 funding the Madison Area Recovery Initiative (MARI) to address the opioid use epidemic that  
11 has affected the City of Madison and Dane County. MARI will specifically address the local  
12 conditions in Madison by helping more than 150 individuals who are arrested for minor drug-  
13 related crimes engage in treatment. The goal is to reduce recidivism and property crime, and to  
14 reduce the rate of opioid overdose by helping more people enter into recovery following an  
15 arrest. Individuals who are arrested for committing a minor drug-related crime will be offered an  
16 opportunity to participate in MARI. If the individual agrees, they will have an opportunity to avoid  
17 criminal charges being filed, contingent upon their successful completion of the six-month MARI  
18 program, requiring treatment participation.

20 This new contract with Connections Counseling establishes this agency as the assessment hub  
21 for MARI participants. Following MPD contact, individuals will be given a short deadline to  
22 contact Connections Counseling and schedule an assessment. That assessment will result in  
23 an Arrest Diversion Plan that will outline the achievements and activities necessary to  
24 successfully complete MARI. Connections Counseling will also assign a Recovery Coach to  
25 support participants and assist with their engagement in substance use disorder treatment.  
26 Clinical staff from Connections Counseling will monitor individuals' progress toward completing  
27 the Arrest Diversion Plan and reporting on that progress to the MPD. MPD will then either  
28 expunge the arrest or refer the original violation for criminal charges based on whether the  
29 participant successfully completed.

31 Connections Counseling will receive a prorated amount for a partial year contract in 2017.

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33 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following 2017 revenue and expenditure  
34 accounts be created and that the following revenue increase be credited to the General Fund  
35 and transferred from the General Fund to the following new expenditure accounts in the  
36 Department of Human Services:

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<b>Revenue Account Number</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ACICTRMT New	SMART POLICING INITIATIVE	\$354,847
<b>Expenditure Account Number</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ACICTCNC IZATAA	MARI Assessor	\$209,851
ACICTCNC CMRCAA	MARI Recovery Coaching	\$144,996

47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that unspent funds from 2017 be carried forward for expenditure  
48 to 2018, to 2019, and 2020 budgets.