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2021 RES-083

**ACCEPTING REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR GRANT
MAKING FOR NOT FOR PROFIT SERVICES TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES
IMPACTED BY COVID
DCDHS – PEI DIVISION**

Justification: The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted non-profit agencies across Dane county stretching service delivery resources to meet growing community and client needs. One stated purpose of this Federal Initiative is to allow local governments to assist businesses and non-profits cope with the negative economic consequences of the pandemic. This initiative specifically targets human service focused non-profit organizations to bolster their service delivery efforts.

The Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Division of Dane County Human Services (DCDHS) is seeking funding authority to offer and allocate one-time grants to Dane County not-for-profit agencies to bolster their efforts to meet client service and community needs impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Only Dane County not-for-profit agencies providing service to underserved communities are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. Eligible non-profits do not need to be current DCDHS purchase of service (POS) providers to qualify as the intent of this initiative is to support emerging organizations doing community based work during the pandemic that has been unreimbursed by existing state and local funding to this point. This funding opportunity is not open to private or public schools, other units of state or local government, private sector business, or individuals. The proposed grant design reflects the need to institute supports quickly and includes flexibility to address the needs of individual not-for-profit agencies.

Leverage: This \$5 million initiative intends to assist non-profit efforts to deliver direct service to clients and consumers. Allowable grant activities include the following:

- **Expansion of, or needed adaptation to, any current operating expenses** in order meet emerging client service needs or opportunities in relation to COVID-19 pandemic. Expansion of staffing or supports with grant funds would end following the grant period.
- **Permanent housing costs NOT covered by Emergency Rental Assistance** funds such as move-in costs and meeting household needs, including purchase of furniture.
- **Resource linkage or navigation** – Activities designed to connect individuals and families to services and/or resources.
- **Food security activities** - Activities designed to address food insecurity and support food pantries and other local food resources in low-income areas.
- **Direct service materials and supplies** – Purchase of agency supplies to meet direct service needs.
- **Basic needs allocations for clients to help promote safety and wellbeing**

To be eligible for the funding, an agency must be a registered 501c3 or be applying through a fiscal agent that is a registered 501c3, and have a main office based in Dane County. Funding allocation will be through a grant application administered by DCDHS, the Prevention and Early Intervention Division. The goal is to fund all grant applications meeting the stated criteria. Minimum grant awards will be \$50,000 with no maximum. If

51 grant requests exceed available revenue, priority will be given to agencies with 2019
52 operating budgets under \$250,000 and to agencies serving low-income clients and
53 neighborhoods.

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55 Duplication: Pursuant to ARP federal guidance, funds will not be used for this initiative
56 that are otherwise provided for through other pandemic relief.

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58 Guidance: Treasury guidance provides the county has broad authority for expenditures
59 that address the pandemic and its economic impacts.

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61 Reporting: Grant recipients will be required to submit a Final Program Summary after the
62 conclusion of the grant period. The Final Program Summary will include a brief
63 description of the completed grant activity to include population served, a summary of
64 program experience, dollars expended, outcomes or program impact on the community
65 served by the activity, and what equity challenge or opportunity was addressed.

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67 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes the DCDHS
68 Prevention and Early Intervention Division the spending authority to award \$5 million in
69 grants to non-profit agencies; and

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71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following revenue account be added to the
72 Prevention and Early Intervention Division of the Dane County Department of Human
73 Services and that the revenue increase be credited to the County General Fund and
74 transferred from the General Fund to the following expenditure account in the
75 Department of Human Services:

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77 Revenue

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
70000 80138 (NEW)	ARP NFP Service Revenue	\$5,000,000

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81 Total Revenue: \$5,000,000

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83 Expenditure

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
70000 30138 (NEW)	ARP NFP	\$5,000,000

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87 Total Expenditure: \$5,000,000

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89 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that unspent funds from 2021 be carried forward for
90 expenditure in 2022.