

1 **SUB to 2016 RES-572 (PROPOSED - CORRIGAN)**
2 **AMENDING THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET TO ENHANCE**
3 **CITIZENSHIP ASSISTANCE SERVICES**
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5 Thousands of immigrants in Dane County are eligible for citizenship but lack the resources to
6 navigate the process. Dane County has proposed a program to help direct and
7 connect them to resources in the community that will enable them to succeed and give them a
8 fair shot at realizing the American Dream.

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10 Since the election of President Trump, community organizations have received a significant
11 increase in requests for legal assistance to pursue citizenship and have reached out to the
12 county for assistance. This resolution establishes an immigration assistance fund to be
13 administered by the Madison Community Foundation. It is hoped that the initial funding in the
14 amount of \$200,000 from the County will be matched by additional funds from the community.
15 Funding is transferred from the General Fund, realizing that the end of year 2016 fund balance
16 for the Department of Human Services was significantly more than anticipated during 2017
17 budget deliberations.

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19 In support of enacting a community-driven initiative, the county has reached out to legal
20 services providers to immigrants and this resolution incorporates their ideas for an effective
21 approach to emergency immigration assistance. A collaborative group of legal services
22 providers will work with the Madison Community Foundation in development of the
23 disbursement structure of funds, with up to \$50,000 allocated by the collaborative group to hire
24 a project assistant or consultant to lead fundraising, meeting facilitation, and fund management.
25 The legal services providers making up this collaborative partnership are:

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27 The Catholic Multicultural Center
28 Centro Hispano of Dane County
29 Community Immigration Law Center (CILC)
30 RISE Law Center
31 Jewish Social Services
32 Literacy Network
33 Madison Path to Citizenship, and
34 UW-Law School Immigration Justice Center
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36 While immediate action is essential as a result of federal actions, Dane County must develop a
37 long-term approach to support the immigrant community. Working together, the Department of
38 Administration, the Department of Human Services, and the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity
39 and Inclusion should complete research on best practices for the county's role in supporting
40 immigrants in our community and report to the County Executive, the Health and Human Needs
41 Committee, and the Personnel and Finance Committee by July 15, 2017 with proposals that can
42 be considered as part of the 2018 budget.

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44 NOW THEREFORE BE It RESOLVED that \$200,000 be transferred from the General Fund to
45 the Department of Human Services.

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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following line item be added to the 2017 operating
48 budget: HSADMIN-NEW "Immigration Assistance Fund" \$200,000
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50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Immigration Assistance Fund be allocated to the
51 Madison Community Foundation, which will work with a collaborative partnership of legal
52 services providers to immigrants to fundraise and to disburse the funds.

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54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legal services providers identified above must submit to
55 Dane County an agreement among themselves establishing a collaborative partnership for use
56 and governance of the fund, including a plan for governance of disbursements from the fund to
57 the legal services providers. The plan should include disbursements from the fund for direct
58 services or education related to the following areas: Asylum Applications, Violence Against
59 Women Act self-petitions, U Visas, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) applications,
60 Naturalization applications, T Visas, Immigrant Visa Petitions, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
61 (SIJS) applications, Withholding of Removal or Convention Against Torture, Undocumented
62 Cancellation of Removal, Permanent Resident Cancellation of Removal, and other deportation
63 defense. Quarterly reports will be made to the County Executive, the Director of the Tamara D.
64 Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion, the Director of Human Services, and the County Board.

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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon receipt of a plan as specified above, the county will
68 transfer governance of the fund to the provider collaborative partnership.

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70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that up the collaborative partnership of legal services partners
71 may choose to allocate up to \$50,000 of the \$200,000 fund to hire a project assistant or
72 consultant to develop the disbursement structure, fundraise, and provide administrative support
73 to the project.

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tamara D. Grigsby Office of Equity and Inclusion shall
76 provide assistance to the collaborative partnership as needed.

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78 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, working together, the Department of Administration,
79 Department of Human Services and the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion
80 should complete research on best practices for the county's role in supporting immigrants in our
81 community and report to the County Executive, the Health and Human Needs Committee, and
82 the Personnel and Finance Committee by July 15, 2017 with proposals that can be considered
83 as part of the 2018 budget.

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85 *Explanation of the Substitute Amendment:*
86 *Due to the immediate and growing need for immigration services in Dane County and the*
87 *shortage of funds for front-line immigration services, an Immigration Assistance Fund at the*
88 *Madison Community Foundation is seeded with \$200,000. Of that amount, \$50,000 may be*
89 *allocated for staffing support for fund governance, fund raising, and management by a*
90 *collaborative partnership of immigration service providers.*

91 *In addition, the Sub to Res 572 also:*

- 92 • *Transfers funds from the General Fund for the Immigration Assistance Fund, in*
93 *recognition of the Department of Human Services' return of funds in excess of \$200,000*
94 *to the General Fund at the end of 2016,*
- 95 • *Defines services for which the funds may be used based on input from front-line*
96 *immigration service providers.*
- 97 • *Establishes a process for transferring responsibilities of fund governance from the*
98 *County to a collaboration of immigration service providers.*

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Directs the Dane County Office of Equity and Inclusion to provide assistance to the collaborative partnership.