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2021 RES-013
INFORMATION AND REPORTING ON ALLOCATION OF
FEDERAL FUNDING IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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Dane County has received federal funding to address pressing public health and economic needs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, Dane County received over \$95 million in CARES funding. In 2021, the county will receive \$53 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds, and an additional \$53 million in 2022. ARP funds must be spent by the end of 2024.

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In the summer of 2020, County Board standing committees made recommendations to the Personnel and Finance Committee regarding priorities for relief spending. Targeted small business assistance; eviction and homelessness prevention via rent assistance and permanent supported housing; and food security topped the list. In the months since, County Board committee discussion has touched on support of not-for-profits and broadband access.

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As the pandemic continues, there is interest in how funding addresses COVID-related needs as well as the outcomes of the county's efforts. Specifically, for informed deliberation, resolutions allocating ARP funds should include information about the relationship of the funding to the pandemic, whether the allocation is duplicative or in coordination with other governmental funding, include reference to authority for allocation of the funds, list expected outcomes, and a method for evaluation of whether the funding is achieving the expected outcomes.

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Having ongoing information about the depth and breadth of community needs, and the effectiveness of the Dane County response, will further increase confidence in county programs and priorities.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors requests that all resolutions allocating American Rescue Plan funds include:

- 1) A statement of justification of need, including:
 - a) Whether and how the funding responds to the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - b) Whether the allocation is duplicative of other federal/state/local/school funding efforts or in coordination with them;
 - c) Whether the allocation leverages existing partnerships and Dane County programs; and
 - d) Reference to the law and/or guidance that authorizes the allocation;
- 2) An explanation of expected outcomes, including equity measures; and
- 3) A plan for data collection and other outcome measures that ensure accurate quarterly reporting of program experience and outcomes.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors requests quarterly reporting on American Rescue Plan-funded programs, to include departmental presentations to oversight committees on progress toward the expected outcomes.