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**APPROVING DANE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN
THE DANE COUNTY URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

In December 1999, 43 communities in Dane County, outside the City of Madison, came together to form the Dane County Urban County Consortium (UCC). This consortium allowed the County to become eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the first time. CDBG dollars fund a variety of housing and community development activities targeted towards low- and moderate- income persons. By being part of the UCC, participating units of local government may also participate in the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program as Dane County receives HOME funding. Additional communities have elected to join the Consortium over the years such that 59 communities outside the City of Madison currently participate.

These communities sign three-year Cooperation Agreements that automatically renew for each three-year period that Dane County qualifies for entitlement status as an Urban County for participation in the CDBG program, and as a HOME Consortium for participation in the HOME Investment Partnerships program. The current qualification period is for Federal Fiscal Years 2026 – 2028.

Three of the 59 municipalities have rejoined the UCC; and the remaining 56 have elected to continue membership in the UCC program. New authorizing Resolutions and Cooperation Agreements are being collected from the municipalities to ensure that the agreement language is the same as that of the newly approved municipalities. Executed Cooperation Agreements signed by the County are required by HUD. To date, new Cooperation Agreements have been collected from the following 16 municipalities: Town of Blue Mounds, Town of Cottage Grove, Town of Cross Plains, Village of Deerfield, Town of Dunn, Village of Maple Bluff, Town of Medina, Town of Oregon, Village of Oregon, Town of Perry, Village of Shorewood Hills, City of Verona, Town of Verona, Town of Vienna, Village of Waunakee, and the Village of Windsor. The remaining Cooperation Agreements will continue to be collected during the 3-year qualification period.

A higher participation rate of eligible units of local government in the UCC allows for a more comprehensive approach for the CDBG program because Dane County CDBG and HOME dollars can only be spent in participating communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County CDBG Commission and County Board express their appreciation to the communities continuing membership in the Dane County Urban County Consortium; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to sign the above referenced Cooperation Agreements with all municipalities continuing membership in the Dane County Urban County Consortium, and submit the signed agreements to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.