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2021 RES-162

**AUTHORIZING NEW HOUSING PROGRAM SPECIALIST PROJECT POSITION
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

This project is funded with the County's allocation of local aid authorized in the 2021 American Rescue Plan. Therefore, this resolution follows the format outlined in 2021 RES-013.

Justification

Authorizing Law: In March of 2021, the federal government authorized the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan (ARP) stimulus bill authorizing additional funding to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic across multiple areas of need.

Dane County was allocated over \$106 million in ARP local aid. A portion of those funds has been committed to various efforts to prevent and end homelessness and limit spread of COVID-19 through efforts to provide social distancing in the congregate shelter system.

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) continues to play a substantial role in Dane County's ongoing response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The DCDHS' Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) has administered multiple emergency response programs providing non-congregate shelter to prevent exposure to and spread of COVID-19 among households experiencing homelessness, eviction prevention and rental assistance, small business assistance, and more.

Beginning in March of 2020, Dane County funded non-congregate hotel shelter operations and assisted with other congregate shelter expansions to quickly create critical social distancing in the community's homeless shelter system. The rapid emergence of the COVID-19 Delta variant necessitates an extension of these efforts, and continued collaborative partnerships with the City of Madison, Public Health Madison-Dane County, and frontline agencies to address other emerging issues related to safe sheltering.

Additional staff capacity is required in the HAA Division to monitor these contracts and manage Dane County's responsibilities related to congregate and non-congregate sheltering. An additional 1.0 FTE Project Housing Program Specialist will be required.

Duplication of Funding/Existing Partnerships and Programs: The funding is cooperative with other project staff positions, as additional capacity is needed to manage ongoing sheltering efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that position authority in the Human Services Department is increased by 1.0 FTE, effective 10/01/2021 so as to add 1.0 FTE Project Housing Program Specialist (P10) within the HAA Division of the Department of Human Services, payroll org 6080; and,

45 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the following new revenue and expenditure accounts be
46 adjusted in the 2021 operating budget:

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48	Revenue		
49	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
50	80000 81367	ARP Revenue	<u>\$27,050</u>
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52	Total		\$27,050
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54	Expenditure		
55	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
56	80000 10009	Salary	\$17,900
57	80000 10099	Retirement	\$1,425
58	80000 10108	Social Security	\$1,375
59	80000 10117	Health	\$6,200
60	80000 10153	Dental	\$450
61	80000 10180	Life	\$50
62	80000 10250	Salary Savings	(\$350)
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64	Total		\$27,050