

1 2025 RES-399

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3 **AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CATALYST FOR CHANGE TO OPERATE**
4 **THE OFF THE SQUARE CLUB PROGRAM**
5 **DCDHS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION**
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7 The Department of Human Services (DCDHS) has funded Off the Square Club for decades. Off
8 the Square Club is a day program for adults who have a severe and persistent mental illness,
9 particularly for those who need connections to other mental health and social services and for
10 those who do not have housing. The program provides a safe place for people to be during the
11 day and has traditionally provided a meal, access to laundry, showers, support groups, and
12 linkage to other services as needed.

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14 The current provider for Off the Square Club notified the department that they will not be able to
15 operate the program beyond April 30, 2026. Catalyst for Change has agreed to take over the
16 operation of Off the Square Club. Catalyst for Change currently has a contract with the
17 department as a Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) provider. As a CCS provider, they
18 have developed a specialty of reaching out to and working with the homeless population who
19 also have behavioral health concerns.

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21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following contract be awarded and that the
22 County Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement
23 on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to issue payments related to the
24 execution of the contract.

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26 Vendor
27 Catalyst for Change

Contract Amount
\$141,016