

1 2016 RES-529
2 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A MACARTHUR FOUNDATION GRANT
3 FOR THE COMMUNITY RESTORATIVE COURT
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5 The Dane County Department of Human Services has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the
6 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation as part of its Safety and Justice Challenge.
7 Dane County is one of 20 additional jurisdictions joining the Challenge, a national \$100 million
8 initiative to reduce over-incarceration by changing the way America thinks about and uses
9 jails. Dane County and the other jurisdictions will design and test innovative local justice
10 reforms designed to safely drive down jail usage and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their
11 local justice systems.

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13 Through the Challenge Innovation Fund, Dane County will receive support and expert technical
14 assistance in designing and implementing local reforms. Dane County's innovation will focus on
15 training of local peacemakers and technical advances to support expansion of the Community
16 Restorative Court from the pilot project stage to a countywide initiative, with the goal of reducing
17 disparities in the criminal justice system.

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19 Dane County and other Innovation Fund jurisdictions will receive short-term support of \$50,000
20 each, are eligible for future funding opportunities, and have access to the resources, peer
21 learning opportunities, and expertise of the Safety and Justice Challenge Network. The Urban
22 Institute, which is managing the Innovation Fund in partnership with the Foundation, will provide
23 expert technical assistance to the jurisdictions as they implement their plans.

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25 The Community Restorative Court, with its mission "Repair Harm, Reduce Risk, and Rebuild the
26 Community" uses restorative justice principles to divert youth ages 17-25 from the traditional
27 criminal justice system. The program reduces recidivism and builds communities using a
28 restorative justice model. Participation in the program provides a young person who has
29 committed a low-level offense the opportunity to work with community members to ensure
30 accountability, determine restitution, and repair the harm done.

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32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the
33 Dane County Executive hereby accept the grant award from the John D. and Catherine T.
34 MacArthur Foundation for \$50,000.

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36 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a new revenue account CYFJDSCT -(NEW) "MacArthur Fund
37 CRC Tech Assistance Revenue" shall be established under the Department of Human Services
38 budget for \$50,000 and that these funds be carried forward until expended, and that a new
39 expense account CYFJDSCT-AMMGAA "MacArthur Fund CRC Tech Assistance Expense"
40 shall also be established in an amount of \$50,000.