

ACCEPTING COVID RELIEF FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING  
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT EXPENDITURES  
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there is a need to provide a variety of community assistance to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness and the agencies that partner with Dane County to provide critical resources to our neighbors in need.

The County's COVID-19 response effort in this area has focused on achieving social distancing in Dane County's shelter system to reduce exposure to illness among shelter guests, increasing access to hygiene for individuals who are sleeping outside, providing safe space for individuals who are symptomatic to isolate outside of congregate settings, and more.

To accomplish these goals, Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) Housing Access and Affordability (HAA) has invested in a number of services, including partnerships with local hotels to provide sheltering for families experiencing homelessness and for individuals experiencing homelessness at higher risk for contracting COVID-19 per CDC guidelines, support for temporary emergency overnight shelter for adult men at the Warner Park Community Center, security services, shelter custodial services, food for shelter/hotel guests, personal protective equipment (PPE) for agency partners and hotel/shelter guests, staff to help sustain shelter operations, and on-site supportive services for hotel guests to help them sustain sheltering and move from sheltering in hotels into permanent housing. As provider engagements are executed to administer these investments, the DCDHS Housing Access and Affordability (HAA) Division will rely on Federal CARES Act Relief funds to fully fund these initiatives. This resolution increases Dane County budget authority for the HAA Division in order to receive federal relief funding and to execute related expenditures.

The Department shall provide regular reports to the Health and Human Needs Committee on the numbers of individuals and families in county funded shelter and hotels who move to permanent housing, evaluate the need for additional case management, particularly for individuals, and develop a plan in consultation with Homeless Services Consortium of Dane County for transitioning a portion of funds to increase capacity in rapid rehousing programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that budget authority for the DCDHS Housing Access and Affordability Division be increased by \$15,000,000 for COVID-19 related housing initiatives and that the Controller's office is authorized to issue payments related to these activities.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the following revenue account be adjusted and that a revenue increase be credited to the County General Fund and transferred from the General Fund to the following expenditure account in the department of Human Services:

<u>Revenue Accounts</u>	<u>Amount</u>
80000 80002 CARES ACT REVENUE	\$15,000,000

<u>Expenditure Accounts</u>	<u>Amount</u>
80000 NEW COVID HOUSING STABILITY	\$15,000,000