

1 **SUB ____ to 2021 RES-267 (PROPOSED-MILES)**
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3 **APPROVING ALLOCATION PLAN FOR FEDERAL**
4 **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS**
5 **DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**
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7 As the COVID-19 pandemic recovery continues, the related crisis of the nation’s
8 economic downturn has left many families facing continued unemployment and housing
9 instability.

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11 On December 27th, 2020, the federal government approved a \$900 billion COVID-19
12 relief bill authorizing additional funding to respond to the pandemic across multiple areas
13 of need. The act included \$25 billion in funding for emergency rental assistance (ERA 1).
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15 The State of Wisconsin received over \$320 million dollars in ERA 1 from the December
16 2020 stimulus and granted more than \$10.2 million of their allocation to support Dane
17 County’s continued efforts to prevent widespread evictions and promote housing stability
18 for renters.
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20 Pursuant to Res 108, the Dane County Department of Human Services’ Housing Access
21 and Affordability Division is providing the following allocation plan for the funding. A total
22 of \$9,201,764.70 is available in direct assistance to applicants, and a total of
23 \$1,022,418.30 is available to allocate for administration of these ERA 1 funds. Funding
24 is intended to be distributed as follows:
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26 **Emergency Rental Assistance Payments to Tenants/Landlords**
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28 \$7,701,764.70 would be available to assist with emergency rental assistance payments
29 for Dane County tenants/landlords. The funds would be administered by Dane County’s
30 current contracted partner to administer emergency rental assistance, Urban Triage, Inc.
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32 **Security Deposit Payments to Tenants/Landlords**
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34 \$500,000 would be available to assist specifically with entry costs (security deposits and
35 first month’s rent) for households experiencing homelessness. The definition of
36 homelessness includes those who are in shelter, unsheltered, or those who are
37 experiencing “doubled-up” homelessness (ex. living with others and not included on the
38 lease where they are staying, or self-paying for a hotel stay).
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40 Funds are proposed to be distributed by the vendor selected to administer ARP Housing
41 Navigation Services via RFP #121086.
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43 **Emergency Rental Assistance for Court Involved Tenants**
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45 \$1,000,000 would be available to assist with court settlements at eviction court
46 proceedings for Dane County tenants who reside outside the City of Madison. Funding
47 would be awarded via RFP, to be combined with the RFP process for \$250,000 in legal
48 services funding. (Legal services funding authorized in the 2022 Dane County Budget.)
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50 Up to 10% of the total ERA1 allocation could be allocated from the \$7,701,764.70 to be
51 available for housing stability services ~~as defined by the American Rescue Plan Act.~~

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Emergency Rental Assistance Administration

At least \$80,000 would be available to support administrative costs related to distributing security deposit payments.

Up to \$80,000 would be available to support administrative costs related to distributing emergency rental assistance for court involved tenants.

Up to \$753,482.42 would be provided to Urban Triage, Inc. to fund costs related to administration of the emergency rental assistance payments to tenants/landlords. The additional funding will enable Urban Triage, Inc. to continue operating the program/administering emergency rental assistance funds through 2022 and into 2023.

At least \$82,815.88 would be provided to the City of Madison to pay for the addition of the County's additional ERA 1 allocation to the Neighborly ERA Administration platform. The City of Madison holds the contract with Neighborly. Neighborly is the ERA application platform that all Dane Core 2.0 collaborative agencies use to process applications from tenants/landlords and distribute emergency rental assistance funds.

At least \$26,120 would support a marketing expansion for services currently provided by 6AM Marketing. 6AM Marketing is the selected vendor under contract with Urban Triage and the City of Madison to provide marketing for Dane CORE 2.0.

Final amounts for activities may change based on RFP responses and contract negotiations with vendors. Final amounts will be reflected in applicable future legislative actions that are introduced to the Dane County Board regarding this funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors and the Dane County Executive hereby approve the \$10,224,183 allocation plan for federal the emergency rental assistance from the State of Wisconsin.

[The Sub incorporates the amendments made by the Health and Human Needs Committee on December 9, 2021 and the Personnel & Finance Committee on December 13, 2021.]