

2024 RES-183

**ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT FORENSIC AUDIT OF DANE COUNTY FUNDS GIVEN TO URBAN TRIAGE OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS**

On September 13, 2024 and October 8, 2024, respectively, the Cap Times and the Wisconsin State Journal reported that the nonprofit Urban Triage has exceeded its budget by \$100,000 for providing housing assistance to homeless people.

Given that Urban Triage has been the recipient or administrator of \$32,152,658 taxpayer dollars from Dane County government since 2020, the Dane County Board of Supervisors wants to address and resolve any further allegations regarding Urban Triage's mismanagement of taxpayer resources.

The Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes an independent forensic audit of Urban Triage's financial records as they relate to any funding provided at any time by Dane County government to this organization.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board will request the Dane County Purchasing division to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from certified public accounting (CPA) firms to conduct a forensic audit of Urban Triage's financial records.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the selected firm must be an independent CPA firm with no political or business ties to Dane County government, the City of Madison, or the Dane County nonprofit community, and that a contract for services must not exceed \$90,000 for the audit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any contract for an independent forensic auditor of Urban Triage shall include provisions for making the following determinations:

(1) whether the CEO of Urban Triage and its Board of Directors have fulfilled their fiduciary responsibilities and duties under state and federal laws (Sarbanes Oxley, IRS Rules governing nonprofit, OIG 1-156 & Incident Reporting) and (2) whether Urban Triage's Board of Directors and/or its CEO and/or its employees, have participated in financial misconduct, financial fraud, financial misfeasance, gross mismanagement, and/or misapplication of Dane County and federal funds, which includes but is not limited to:

(a) nepotism, political patronage, and the use of Dane County funds for political activities such as lobbying and influence peddling;

(b) enrolling people who are ineligible for the Dane County Homeless Rental Assistance program;

(c) conflicts of interest by board members, the CEO, or employees of Dane County;

(d) failure to report all revenues and expenditures from Dane County and/or federal funds, and failure to report the use of those funds for activities other than the intended purpose of delivering services, such as for Urban Triage's alleged trip to Puerto Rico; and

(e) a review of all Urban Triage CEO emails and communications with Dane County Supervisors, Dane County employees, and members of the Dane County Health & Human Needs Committee during the last three years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the contract provisions of the forensic audit shall include a determination of whether Urban Triage's RFP applications for Dane County and federal funds were, in fact, accurate, and that no false statements were made on Urban Triage's application or by the CEO and /or employee(s) of Urban Triage, including but not limited to inaccurate or

52 false information on resumes, dates of Urban Triage's IRS nonprofit filing, and the official  
53 authorization letter by the IRS authorizing Urban Triage to function as a nonprofit.

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55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the independent auditor that contracts with Dane County will  
56 be required to share its report and findings in a public meeting of the Dane County Board  
57 Executive Committee, as well as in a special meeting of the Dane County Board.

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59 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Board designates any future contract with Urban  
60 Triage, regardless of the amount of the contract entered into with Urban Triage, to be a major  
61 contract, per Section 25.04(10) of the Dane County Ordinances, requiring County Board  
62 approval.