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2021 RES-012

**ACCEPTING REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR GRANT
MAKING FOR K-12 EMOTIONAL WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
GRANTS DCDHS – PEI DIVISION**

Dane County Department of Human Services' (DCDHS) Prevention and Early Intervention Division (PEI) is seeking spending authority to utilize American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021 funds to provide bridge funding to Dane County area school districts to meet mental health and wellness needs of Dane County K-12 students.

PEI is seeking funding authority to offer and allocate one-time grants to Dane County Public School Districts to assist K-12 students and their parents/caregivers in meeting student mental health and wellness needs during the transitional period of re-entry to physical school settings during the continued COVID-19 pandemic. Only Dane County Public School Districts are eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. This funding opportunity is not open to private schools, individual schools within a school district, other units of state or local government, or private for-profit or not-for-profit entities or individuals. These grant monies are not designed to replace K-12 funding from ARP, but rather to offer bridge funding to assist students and their families until area school districts are able to launch their own independent ARP plans. The proposed grant design reflects the need to institute programming and supports quickly, and includes flexibility to address the needs of individual school districts as schools and communities transition back to in-person schooling and COVID-19 vaccines become more widely available in our community.

Grant activities may include the following: expansion of, or needed adaptation to, any currently provided mental health supports offered by Dane County School Districts, youth and/or parent/caregiver peer support, resource linkage or navigation, wellness activities, purchases of computer software and/or hardware, or online subscriptions to support student/family mental health or mental wellness or other related materials, or one time basic needs allocations for families to help promote safety and wellbeing.

Owing to the current school year calendar, and K-12 ARP funding processes, this resolution is also seeking the ability to carry forward these funds and expenditures through December 31, 2022.

All grant awards are under \$100,000. except for three following school districts:

The Madison Metropolitan School District is receiving funds to support Resource Navigators for students and families, transportation assistance and increases to bilingual mental health supports district-wide for a total of \$454,754.

The Oregon School District is receiving funds to expand current existing partnerships with mental health providers (including providers of color) to ease access for under insured and uninsured populations, create and expand mindfulness spaces for students district-wide and expand tools in social emotional learning curriculums for a total of \$103,119.

The Verona Area School District is receiving funds to expand Zones of Regulation and create calming mindfulness spaces in all elementary schools, increase suicide

52 prevention efforts and restorative practices in middle and high school, and expand
53 responsive classrooms and assist with multiple family basic needs requests district wide
54 for a total of \$450,000.

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56 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following revenue account be added to
57 the Prevention and Early Intervention Division of the Dane County Department of Human
58 Services and that the revenue increase be credited to the County General Fund and
59 transferred from the General Fund to the following expenditure account in the
60 Department of Human Services:

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62 Revenue

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
70000 81367	ARP Revenue	\$1,367,634

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66 Expenditure

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
70000 30132	ARP School Mental Health	\$1,367,634

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70 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that unspent funds from 2021 be carried forward for
71 expenditure in 2022.

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73 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the following contracts be awarded and that the
74 County Executive and the County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the
75 agreements on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to issue
76 checks for grant issuance to qualified Dane County school district applicants.

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<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Madison Metropolitan School District	\$454,754
Oregon School District	\$103,119
Verona Area School District	\$450,000

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