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2021 RES-103

**ACCEPTING COVID SUPPORT FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES REVENUE FROM
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
DCDHS – ACS DIVISION**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is distributing additional funding to the Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) targeting the challenges brought on or intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic in the area of Adult Protective Services (APS). This funding was originally appropriated by the federal government under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021. This funding has been distributed to county APS agencies using a population-based formula. The purpose of these funds is to enhance areas of APS that the pandemic has shown to be in need of improvement. Funding is available through September 30, 2022. There is no local match requirement for these funds.

Dane County APS is responsible for investigating allegations of physical or sexual abuse, neglect, including self-neglect, and financial exploitation of vulnerable adults in Dane County. The unit is also responsible for pursuing guardianships and/or protective placement on behalf of those who are not competent to make decisions to ensure their own physical health, safety, or manage their own finances. The social work staff in APS have continued to do their work remotely, creating a greater reliance on electronic filing and communication. Because of the vast work of the unit, it is not rare for more than one social worker to have worked with a particular individual. Because of the disparate interventions of the unit and the current method of maintaining electronic files, it is possible that an individual could have five different unlinked files documenting case activity. The pandemic has exposed the need for an electronic filing system that is secure and links all APS activity in one file and is accessible by all who have a need to know critical case-related information. The department is currently investigating software products that could help meet this critical business need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following new revenue account and new expense account be added to the Adult Protective Services section in the Department of Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following revenue account be credited to the General Fund and transferred from the general fund to the following expenditure account in the Department of Human Services:

Revenue Account Number	Account Title	Amount
43000 81025 (NEW)	COVID 19 Revenue	\$64,949
Expenditure Account Number	Account Title	Amount
43000 30029 (NEW)	COVID POS	\$64,949

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that unspent funds from 2021 be carried forward for expenditure in 2022.