

DANE COUNTY
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE

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Sponsor: Miles		Resolution No. 2025 RES-043
Vote Required: Majority _____		Ordinance Amendment No. _____
Two-Thirds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3/4 _____		

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF FUNDS FOR HOMEOWNERS TO FILE DISCHARGE AND RELEASE OF DISCRIMINATORY COVENANTS

Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -

Between 1900 and 1969, discriminatory covenants based on racial, ethnic, religious, and other backgrounds were historically inserted into some property deeds to prohibit the purchase, rental or occupation of a residence based on a protected class. Dane County's Department of Planning and Development discovered 1,029 records covering approximately 4,000 properties in Dane County that contain at least one discriminatory covenant.

Current Policy or Practice -

Property owners in Dane County with discriminatory covenants on their property can denounce these covenants by completing an official state document and recording it with the Dane County Register of Deeds for \$30.00.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

This resolution allows Dane County to accept an initial grant of \$3,000 from the Wisconsin Realtors Association, and up to an additional \$10,000 if needed, to offset costs to property owners for recording a document discharging and releasing discriminatory covenants on their property.

Fiscal Estimate:

Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -

- ☐ No Fiscal Effect
☒ Results in Revenue Increase
☒ Results in Expenditure Increase
☐ Results in Revenue Decrease
☐ Results in Expenditure Decrease

Budget Effect (check all that apply)

- ☐ No Budget Effect
☒ Increases Rev. Budget
☒ Increases Exp. Budget
☐ Decreases Rev. Budget
☐ Decreases Exp. Budget
☐ Increases Position Authority
☐ Decreases Position Authority
Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required

Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:

Given that this is a grant from the Wisconsin Realtors Association with a very specific and limited intended purpose, there are no anticipated long-range fiscal effects for Dane County. The funds are initially intended for fiscal year 2025, but any unspent funds will be carried forward to the next budget year, as per the resolution.

Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -									
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses	\$13,000				Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital					Other	\$13,000			
Total	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$13,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:

There are no anticipated personnel impacts or FTE changes.

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