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**ACCEPTING FAMILY FIRST FUNDS FROM
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
DCDHS – CHILD, YOUTH & FAMILY DIVISION
DCDHS – PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION DIVISION**

The Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) has been awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families titled, "Family First (FF) Funds" in the amount of \$155,906.44. Grant funds may be used to cover the costs of formal and informal supports and resources for children, youth and their families who are being served by child protective service and youth justice systems to prevent the need for ongoing case management services or to expedite or stabilize a child or youth's reunification to their family home.

The DCDHS Child, Youth & Family (CYF) Division will use Family First Funds to supplement Child Protective Service (CPS) and Youth Justice (YJ) wraparound funds to support families basic needs such as rent/utilities, food, childcare and transportation. The FF funds will be used to support child reunification from out of home care, expanding the window of time that flexible funding is available to support families during this critical transition. CYF will also use the funds to support youth as they transition out of court ordered placements and into independent living situations.

The DCDHS Prevention & Early Intervention Division will use Family First Funds to assist kin and like kin who are more likely to be persons of color from lower income households. These caregivers are able to receive a foster care grant until the licensing process is completed. These funds will be used to provide required licensing items such as beds, fire alarms, and pet vaccinations and may also involve helping pay for childcare costs until childcare subsidy and foster care payments begin. The FF Funds will also support foster parents needing specialty items for children in care in order to help keep them from moving to higher levels of care.

Funds from this grant begin on July 1, 2024 and expire September 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following revenue and expenditure accounts be created in the Department of Human Services Child, Youth & Family and Prevention & Early Intervention Divisions;

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

| Revenue Account Number | Account Title | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 73000 85150 (NEW) | DCF FAMILY FIRST FUNDS | \$25,000.00 |
| 54000 85150 (NEW) | DCF FAMILY FIRST FUNDS | \$130,906.44 |
| Expenditure Account Number | Account Title | Amount |
| 73000 36150 (NEW) | FAMILY FIRST FUNDS | \$25,000.00 |
| 54000 36150 (NEW) | FAMILY FIRST FUNDS | \$130,906.44 |

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that unspent funds from 2024 be carried forward for expenditure in 2025.