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**2021 RES-031**

**ACCEPTING FUNDS FROM THE CITY OF MADISON FOR  
CRISIS ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE EMERGENCY SERVICES (CARES) TEAM  
DCDHS – ACS DIVISION**

The Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) is receiving funds from the City of Madison to establish a team that will be designed to respond to individuals who are actively experiencing a crisis due to a mental health or substance use concern. These funds will pair Crisis Workers from Journey Mental Health Center with Community Paramedics from the Madison Fire Department. These teams of two will serve as an alternative mobile response unit within the county's crisis services continuum. Current mobile responses include law enforcement and crisis workers who respond either independently or together to behavioral health crises. The CARES Team is modeled after mobile crisis teams found in other communities including Eugene, OR and Denver, CO.

These funds will support the employment of Crisis Workers through an addendum to the department's current contract with Journey Mental Health Center. Journey Mental Health Center is the sole state-certified entity in Dane County to provide crisis intervention services under Administrative Code DHS 34. While several other agencies in Dane County are able to provide crisis stabilization services under that same administrative code, mobile crisis is considered a part of crisis intervention, meaning that Journey is the only agency that can employ the Crisis Workers for this new team.

The goal is for this team to begin operating this summer. A recent analysis of mental health related calls for service conducted by the City of Madison found that the most calls per square mile came from the central district of the city. In addition, most calls were received Monday through Friday, with the highest concentrations of calls coming in the late afternoon and early evening hours. During the first phase of this project, teams will begin operating in the central district of Madison between the hours of 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The teams will be based out of Fire Station #3, located at 1217 Williamson Street. The department has been actively participating in planning meetings with the City of Madison and with Journey Mental Health Center in preparation for the launch of these teams.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following new revenue account be added to the Behavioral Health Section in the Department of Human Services; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the following revenue account be credited to the County General Fund and transferred from the General Fund to the following expenditure account in the Department of Human Services:

<b>Revenue Account Number</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
460000      86428	CITY OF MADISON CRISIS ALT RESPONSE	\$132,333
<b>Expenditure Account Number</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
464351      35501	CRISIS INTERVENTION	\$132,333