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3 **2024 RES-223**

4 **AMENDING THE OFFICE OF ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE BUDGET TO ACCEPT A US DEPARTMENT OF**
5 **TRANSPORTATION GRANT TO EXPAND PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING ACROSS THE COUNTY**

6 The Office of Energy & Climate Change (OECC) was established to lead countywide climate action
7 efforts. To spur climate action OECC collaborates with a variety of local stakeholders to leverage state
8 and federal resources that can help individuals and entities pursue clean energy projects to save energy
9 and money, expand access to family-sustaining careers in clean energy, and leverage resources to
10 expand equity and environmental justice in Dane County. Consistent with Dane County’s 2020 Climate
11 Action Plan, OECC prioritizes equity—making sure that all Dane County stakeholders see benefits of our
12 transition to clean energy.

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14 In 2023 the OECC team worked with local municipalities, local utilities, higher education and other
15 stakeholders to develop a proposal titled *Charge Up Dane County: Accelerating the Transition to EV*
16 *Transportation for All* in response to a US Department of Transportation opportunity for funding for
17 electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The OECC proposal prioritized charging installations in areas
18 unlikely to be prioritized by the private market, including older multi-family neighborhoods, rural areas
19 and at multi-modal hubs with an emphasis on serving disadvantaged communities. In August 2024 the
20 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) of the US Department of Transportation announced that it was
21 awarding Dane County \$13.2 million based on the 2023 OECC proposal.

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23 The funding will enable OECC to work with public and private partners to expand access to EV charging
24 throughout Dane County, resulting in about 60 new public charging station installations. These stations
25 are likely to be at a variety of public and private locations.

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27 Consistent with OECC’s initial proposal and FHWA requirements, this will be a two-phase initiative. In
28 the first phase OECC will staff an EV Advisory Commission (made up of OECC staff and its partners) to
29 guide the project. The EV Advisory Commission will develop selection criteria for potential host sites.
30 Once the criteria are finalized, OECC staff will select charging station host sites via a competitive RFP and
31 then oversee the FHWA-required NEPA analyses of all sites. The second phase will begin following the
32 approved NEPA analysis of all sites and will include managing the installation of charging station
33 infrastructure at sites. Both phases will also include substantive community engagement and education
34 on the benefits of EVs, both to individual drivers and to neighborhoods that can benefit from reduced air
35 pollution from vehicle traffic. The EV Advisory Commission will provide input into those community
36 engagement efforts.

37 The FHWA will provide \$1,297,759.45 in funding for Phase 1 and \$11,900,367.32 for Phase 2, totaling
38 \$13,198,126.77 in federal funding. The required match funding will come from FHWA-required match
39 from project contractors, the value of host parking sites, utility incentives for EV charging installation
40 and other sources.

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42 In addition to funding for the selection and installation of charging stations the grant will also fund an EV
43 Specialist position in OECC to manage the grant for three years from planning through station

44 installation and operation. There is also funding to compensate five community-based organizations for
45 their participation in the EV Advisory Commission and related outreach activities.

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47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to
48 execute the grant agreement for the FHWA-funded *Charge Up Dane County* program; and

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50 BE IT RESOLVED that a 1.0 FTE P9 EV Specialist project position be created effective with 2025 pay
51 period #1 and contingent on receipt of grant revenues,

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53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board shall establish an EV Advisory Commission with
54 membership appointed by the County Executive as follows: five representatives from community-based
55 organizations representing a combination of environmental justice, rural and economic justice interests,
56 including Centro Hispano and the Urban League of Greater Madison; one representative each from two
57 villages in Dane County and one representative from each of the following – the Dane County Towns
58 Association, City of Madison, City of Fitchburg, City of Middleton, City of Sun Prairie, the University of
59 Wisconsin-Madison, Dane County, WPPI Energy, Alliant Energy and Madison Gas & Electric. . Members
60 of the Commission shall not be paid per diems or mileage, however members representing the
61 community-based organizations shall be compensated in accordance with the grant. The EV Advisory
62 Commission will be staffed by the OECC’s EV Specialist to fulfill the requirements in the grant
63 application; and

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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board approves amending the Office of Energy & Climate
66 Change 2025 operating budget by increasing the following accounts:

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68	OECC 10009	Wages	\$81,000
69	OECC 10099	Retirement	\$5,600
70	OECC 10108	Social Security	\$6,200
71	OECC 10117	Health	\$30,300
72	OECC 10153	Dental	\$1,700
73	OECC 10171	Disability	\$200
74	OECC NEW	“Charge Up Grant Expenses”	\$1,172,759.45
75	OECC NEW	“Charge Up Grant Revenue”	\$1,297,759.45

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77 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that OECC NEW “Charge Up Grant Expense” and OECC NEW “Charge Up Grant
78 Revenue” be carried forward to future fiscal years until the grant expires.