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**AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE CITY OF MADISON TO SUPPORT
OPERATION OF AN URBAN CAMPGROUND
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

Enduring economic hardship that originated during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Dane County’s households. At one point in time in 2021, 75 – 80 people were living unsheltered in Reindahl Park in Madison, Wisconsin.

To diversify shelter options for people who are living unsheltered, and to increase shelter capacity that meets the growing number of Dane County’s neighbors experiencing homelessness, the City of Madison developed and opened an urban campground in November of 2021.

The Dairy Drive urban campground provides climate controlled palette shelter to up to 29 households experiencing homelessness. Supportive services are provided on-site, as are safe connections to water, electricity, and other basic needs for households. Since the campground has opened, the number of households experiencing unsheltered homelessness has decreased. In addition, 37 households have transitioned into permanent housing with the help of campground service provider Madison Street Medicine and other community partner agencies.

The Dane County Department of Human Services – Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) seeks to award a \$174,500 contract to the City of Madison to enable them to continue operation of the Dairy Drive urban campground. The contract term is from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

Expected program outcomes include the provision of safe shelter, basic needs connection and referral to community resources for households experiencing homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a \$174,500 contract be approved for the City of Madison (term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024) and that the County Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to make payments:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
The City of Madison	\$174,500

Total Expenditure: \$174,500