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3 **2022 RES - 383**

4 **ESTABLISHING AN EQUITY FOOD PROGRAM FOR 2023**

5 In the 2023 budget, the Dane County Board of Supervisors appropriated funding to encourage
6 the innovative developments of projects that advance equity and access in local food systems in
7 Dane County. To better assess the viability of potential projects, the Office for Equity and
8 Inclusion (“OEI”) oversaw a grant process that invited individuals and organizations to identify
9 and explain how their proposals would meet the needs of the community.
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11 At the conclusion of the application review process, OEI identified the following class of
12 individuals who could be helped by providing a service as part of a food equity program:
13 low-income neighborhoods that have increased food demands and are in need of
14 expanded food assistance, access and security to families, children, teens, senior
15 citizens, historically underserved populations and individuals at risk of hunger in several
16 Dane County communities; low-income and under-employed Dane County communities
17 including but not limited to Cottage Grove, DeForest, Sun Prairie, Oregon, Madison,
18 Middleton, Fitchburg, Verona, and Windsor. Communities that are in need of food for
19 specific dietary needs, such as items that are Gluten Free, Nut Free, Dairy Free, Egg
20 Free, culturally diets like kosher items, beans, rice, soy, etc. Food equity programs to
21 assist the immediate provision for fresh garden produce, that incorporates local food
22 into the school lunch menu that simultaneously supports local farmer and expose students
23 to a variety of produce they may not have access to at home. Food equity programs to help
24 promote healthy habits, develop and teach educational demonstrations of growing,
25 harvesting and cooking using indigenous farming techniques. Food programs that provide
26 culturally appropriate foods and nutritionally balanced meals to seniors, children and
27 adults.
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors does hereby
30 establish an equity food program for 2023, as a program for relief that will serve the specific
31 class of persons identified in lines 12 to 27 of this Resolution;
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Office for Equity and Inclusion is hereby authorized to
34 operate the 2023 Equity Food Program, and to secure the provision of services for the classes of
35 persons previously identified.
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