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**2021 RES-313**

**ACCEPTING STATE OF WISCONSIN GRANT FUNDS FOR  
A PEER SPECIALIST LEARNING COLLABORATIVE  
DCDHS – ACS DIVISION**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has awarded Crisis Law Enforcement Emergency Detention grant funds to Dane County. These grant funds are available from a share of the Mental Health Block Grant awarded to the State of Wisconsin. This grant will be used strengthen the peer specialist network in Dane County. Peer support in behavioral health represents an incredibly powerful modality to improve mental health and substance use outcomes and reduce involvement with the criminal justice system. However, these services are underutilized throughout the behavioral health community.

Chrysalis is the primary subcontractor for this grant but will be collaborating with Each One Teach One (EOTO) to develop a behavioral health learning community. The learning community will foster an environment for consultation, support, and training for peer specialists in Dane County and their supervisors. The grant will also support these agencies to establish a Crisis Behavioral Health Lived Experience Council in Dane County. The Council will increase peer voice and involvement in the provision of services by appealing directly to agency leadership. By improving the support and skillset of peer specialists and by increasing the settings where peer specialists operate, these efforts are expected to improve mental health outcomes and reduce involvement of the mentally ill in the criminal justice system.

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

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

<b>Revenue Account Number</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
460000      85511	Crisis ED (Rapid Cycle)	\$82,713
<b>Expenditure Account Number</b>	<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Amount</b>
465331      35511	Peer Support	\$82,713

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that unspent funds from 2021 be carried forward for expenditure in 2022.