

1 **2022 RES-115**

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3 **AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICES**
4 **DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

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6 This project is funded with the County's allocation of local aid authorized in the 2021 American
7 Rescue Plan. Therefore, this resolution follows the format outlined in 2021 RES-013.

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9 **Justification**

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11 Authorizing Law: In March of 2021, the federal government authorized the \$1.9 trillion American
12 Rescue Plan (ARP) stimulus bill authorizing additional funding to respond to and recover from
13 the COVID-19 pandemic across multiple areas of need.

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15 Dane County was allocated over \$106 million in ARP local aid. A portion of those funds has
16 been committed to various efforts to prevent and end homelessness and limit spread of COVID-
17 19. Funding was authorized in the 2022 Dane County Budget to assist with services for
18 households experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered (living in cars, tents, and other
19 places not meant for human habitation, not those who are utilizing congregate or non-
20 congregate shelter).

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22 Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: The number of people experiencing homelessness in
23 Dane County has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, putting additional stress on a
24 system that was already strained beyond its capacity to serve the need. Increasing capacity to
25 provide outreach services, including expanding services to Dane County communities outside
26 the City of Madison, is necessary to help connect people experiencing unsheltered
27 homelessness to critical community resources.

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29 The Dane County Department of Human Services' Housing Access and Affordability Division is
30 seeking to award a contract for these services to Catalyst for Change Inc. The vendor was
31 selected via a competitive RFP process in 2022.

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33 A contract totaling \$144,960 is required to provide services from August 15th, 2022 through
34 December 31, 2022.

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36 Duplication of Funding/Existing Partnerships and Programs: The funding is not duplicative and
37 is cooperative with other outreach programs, as additional service capacity is needed in this
38 area.

39 **Expected Outcomes and Data Collection**

40 Expected program outcomes include the provision of outreach services to households
41 experiencing unsheltered homelessness in communities throughout Dane County that will lead
42 to connections to basic needs, community resources (housing, employment, case management,
43 behavioral health supports, economic assistance programs (FoodShare, BadgerCare, etc.), vital
44 records, medical services, legal services, and more.

45 Data collection will minimally include:

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- Unduplicated Number of Total Individuals served.

- 47 • Demographics of individuals served.
- 48 • Current living situation of the individual served.
- 49 • Number of participants connected to community services identified through individual
- 50 needs assessment.
- 51 • Number of individuals who left the program voluntarily, and where they exited to (i.e.
- 52 permanent housing, transitional housing, shelter).
- 53 • Percentage of clients served without a VI-SPDAT or in need of an updated VI-SPDAT
- 54 (i.e. current living situation) will receive a VI-SPDAT assessment and complete
- 55 documentation required to exit program into permanent housing.
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57 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following contract be awarded to Catalyst for
58 Change Inc. (term of August 15, 2022 – December 31, 2022) and that the County Executive and
59 County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane
60 County, and that the Controller is authorized to make payments related to the execution of the
61 contract.

62 <u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
63 Catalyst for Change Inc.	\$144,960

64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board requests quarterly reports be shared with
65 the members of the County Board, and that the Health and Human Needs Committee review
66 the reports on a quarterly basis and discuss how the information presented addresses
67 anticipated program outcomes.

68 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that unspent funds from 2022 be carried forward for expenditure in
69 future contract years.