

1 **2022 RES-132**

2 **APPROVING THE ADDITION OF VILLAGE OF DEFOREST TO THE DANE COUNTY URBAN**  
3 **COUNTY CONSORTIUM**  
4 **DCDHS- HAA DIVISION**  
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6 In December 1999, 43 communities in Dane County, outside the City of Madison, came together  
7 to form the Dane County Urban County Consortium (UCC). This consortium allowed the County  
8 to become eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S.  
9 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the first time. CDBG dollars fund a  
10 variety of housing and community development activities targeted towards low- and moderate-  
11 income persons. By being part of the UCC, participating units of local government may also  
12 participate in the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program as Dane County receives  
13 HOME funding. Additional communities have elected to join the Consortium over the years such  
14 that 58 communities currently participate.

15 These communities sign three-year Cooperation Agreements that automatically renew for each  
16 three year period that Dane County qualifies for entitlement status as an Urban County for  
17 participation in the CDBG program and as a HOME Consortium for participation in the HOME  
18 Investment Partnerships program. The current qualification period is for FY 2020-2022.

19 The Village of Deforest has elected to participate in the UCC program and has signed a Resolution  
20 authorizing the Village to join the UCC beginning in 2023. An executed Cooperation Agreement  
21 must be signed by the County and submitted to HUD for approval.

22 The Village of Deforest adds 10,835 in population to the Urban County Consortium bringing the  
23 total participating to 96% of the eligible Dane County population outside the City of Madison. A  
24 higher participation rate of eligible units of local government in the UCC allows for a more  
25 comprehensive approach for the CDBG program because Dane County CDBG and HOME dollars  
26 can only be spent in participating communities.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County CDBG Commission and County  
28 Board express their appreciation to the existing communities in the Dane County Urban County  
29 Consortium and welcome the Village of Deforest; and,

30 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Executive is authorized to sign the above referenced  
31 Cooperation Agreement with the Village of Deforest and submit the signed agreement to the U.S.  
32 Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of including the Village of  
33 Deforest in the Dane County Urban County Consortium beginning in 2023.