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2022 RES-153

**AMENDING A CONTRACT FOR ISOLATION/QUARANTINE SHELTER OPERATIONS
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

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

Justification

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

Dane County was allocated over \$106 million in ARP local aid. A portion of those funds has been committed to various efforts to prevent and end homelessness and limit spread of COVID-19 through efforts to provide social distancing in the congregate shelter system. Funding was authorized in the 2022 Dane County Budget to assist with non-congregate sheltering efforts for people experiencing homelessness.

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Preventing exposure to and spread of COVID-19 among households experiencing homelessness has been a pillar of Dane County’s pandemic response. Beginning in March of 2020, Dane County funded non-congregate hotel shelter operations and assisted with other congregate shelter expansions to quickly create critical social distancing in the community’s homeless shelter system, partnering with numerous hotels to provide rooms, and with the City of Madison, Public Health Madison-Dane County, and frontline agencies to administer the program.

The Dane County Department of Human Services – Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) seeks to extend its contract with Equitable Social Solutions, LLC (EQUUS) to provide non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness who are symptomatic/positive for COVID-19 or a close contact for a positive COVID-19 case.

A contract amendment totaling \$655,517 is required to extended the existing service contract through February 28, 2023.

Duplication of Funding/Existing Partnerships and Programs: The funding is not duplicative for a program providing non-congregate isolation/quarantine shelter for people experiencing homelessness who are symptomatic/positive for COVID-19 or a close contact for a positive COVID-19 case.

Expected Outcomes and Data Collection

Expected program outcomes include the safe recovery and discharge of people who are positive for COVID-19, and safe shelter and discharge of people who need to quarantine due to symptoms prior to test results or due to being a close contact to a positive COVID-19 case. The average number of people served by this program at any given time fluctuates based on COVID-19 spread at any given time.

47 Data collection will minimally include the number of and demographics for the people served by
48 the program.

49 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following contract be amended (term of 1
50 September, 2022 – 28 February, 2023) and that the County Executive and County Clerk are
51 hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the
52 Controller is authorized to make payments related to the execution of the amendment.

53	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
54	Equitable Social Solutions, LLC	\$655,517

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

59 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that any unspent funds in 2022 be carried over to address
60 program costs in 2023.