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**2022 RES-344**

**ACCEPTING AND ALLOCATING REVENUE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH UNWINDING  
DCDHS – EAWS DIVISION**

Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) Economic Assistance and Work Services (EAWS) Division is seeking authority to accept and allocate funding from the state Department of Health Services to aid in its preparations for the public health unwinding.

During the duration of the public health emergency associated with COVID-19, there have been a variety of policies that have been authorized at the federal level to maintain health care coverage and to financially support struggling families. Examples of these policies include continuous coverage for Medicaid and extra allotments for FoodShare households. Now that the public health emergency is being lifted, federal and state regulations maintain that income maintenance policies for eligibility for these programs be “unwound” and return to pre-pandemic procedures. As a result, customers will lose access to extra FoodShare benefits and all Medicaid households will need to have their eligibility renewed for the first time since 2020. This “unwinding” will cause a large spike in EAWS workload in addition to significant community disruption.

The state Department of Health Services has made \$794,116 available to the Capital Consortia (which includes Dane County as the operational and fiscal lead in addition to our partner counties of Sheboygan, Adams, Richland, Sauk, Columbia, Dodge and Juneau). The Dane County portion of this allocation is \$474,630 and the remainder will be passed through to the partner counties. The intent of these resources is to help income maintenance agencies like EAWS/the Capital Consortia plan for and mitigate the impact of the large workload spike associated with unwinding. This workload spike will be felt for a full twelve month period starting in April 2023.

The DCDHS/EAWS division, which administers income maintenance and is the lead for the Capital Consortia, seeks approval to allocate this funding for two primary purposes in Dane County. The priority purpose is to fund \$347,427 in additional overtime for Economic Support staff who will be tasked with helping a large influx of phone and lobby customers seeking to understand how unwinding will impact their benefits. EAWS also seeks use a small portion of the allocation to fund social media outreach to help stakeholders, advocates, POS agencies and others understand what unwinding means and how its impact will be felt in Dane County. Finally, a small reserve of this funding will be allocated for additional equipment, supplies and services that may be needed during this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following revenue account be adjusted and that the revenue increase be credited to the County General Fund and transferred from the General Fund to the following expenditure accounts in the Department of Human Services:

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Account Number</u>		
60000 85250	IM ARPA Funds	\$77,000
62000 85087	COVID Unwinding Funds	\$188,406
62000 85250	IM ARPA Funds	\$209,224
64000 85087	COVID Unwinding Funds	\$126,820
64000 85250	IM ARPA Funds	<u>\$192,666</u>
Total Revenues		\$794,116

51	Expenditure		
52	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Account Title</u>	<u>Amount</u>
53	60000 22043	Prtng Sta & Office Supplies	\$10,000
54	60000 22043	Prtng Sta & Office Supplies	\$25,000
55	60000 30509	Building Security - POS	\$42,000
56	62000 10027	Overtime	\$347,427
57	62000 10099	Retirement	\$23,625
58	62000 10108	Social Security	\$26,578
59	64000 36000	Capital Consortium Partners	<u>\$319,486</u>
60	Total Expenditures		\$794,116
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