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the COVID-19 pandemic across multiple areas of need.

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The services in this resolution are funded in part 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.

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Expected Outcomes and Data Collection

<u>Justification</u> 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

AWARDING A GRANT TO SOLACE FRIENDS INC. FOR

OPERATION OF END OF LIFE HOUSING FOR UNHOUSED PERSONS

DCDHS - HAA DIVISION

Dane County was allocated over \$106 million in ARP local aid. A portion of those funds has been previously committed to various efforts to promote economic and housing stability for households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. \$100,000 in ARP funding was authorized in the 2024 Dane County Budget to provide shelter and support services, administered by Solace Friends Inc., for up to 4 unhoused individuals with a terminal illness.

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Enduring economic hardship that originated during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Dane County's households. The number of people being served by Dane County's emergency shelters serving single adults have reached historic levels and hospitals are having difficulty discharging patients who are housing insecure to appropriate post-acute care. The number of people being served by Dane County's emergency shelters serving single adult men have reached historic levels averaging 291 guests an evening and peaking at 347 guests in January. Dane County's emergency shelter serving single adult women has been peaking at 80 guests during the winter months.

In order to increase the existing capacity of emergency shelter and appropriately meet the medical needs of this population, the 2024 Dane County Budget included funding to provide up to 4 beds of end of life housing for unhoused persons.

The Dane County Department of Human Services – Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) seeks to award a \$100,000 grant to Solace Friends Inc. to administer the program for this vulnerable homeless population. The grant term is from January 1, 2024 - December 31st, 2024.

Households enrolled in the adult family home with Solace Friends Inc. will be eligible for services that include shelter in the adult family home, medical support, end of life care, case management, connection to resources and basic needs while enrolled in hospice care.

Duplication of Funding/Existing Partnerships and Programs: The funding is not duplicative and is cooperative with other shelter programs, as additional space is needed to meet the demand for shelter services and additional support services are need for this population.

49 50 51	Expected program outcomes include the provision of safe shelter, end of life care and connection to community resources for people with a terminal illness experiencing housing insecurity.	
52	Data collection will minimally include:	
53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65	 i. Unduplicated number of individuals served ii. Unduplicated number of households served iii. Demographics of individuals served. iv. Number of participants connected to a hospice w v. Average length of stay. vi. Prior living situation of participants. vii. Number and source of referrals. viii. Number of individuals who left the program, and w NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the County reports be shared with the members of the County Board, and the Needs Committee review the reports on a quarterly basis and dispresented addresses anticipated program outcomes. 	where they exited to. Board requests quarterly nat the Health and Human
66 67 68 69	BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a \$100,000 grant be approved for Solace Friends Inc. (term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024) and that the County Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to make payments:	
70 71	<u>Vendor</u> Solace Friends Inc.	Amendment Amount \$100,000

Total Expenditure: \$100,000

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