

1 2023 RES-365

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3 **AWARDING A CONTRACT TO THE CITY OF MADISON TO SUPPORT**
4 **OPERATION OF AN URBAN CAMPGROUND**
5 **DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**
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7 Enduring economic hardship that originated during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact
8 Dane County's households. At one point in time in 2021, 75 – 80 people were living unsheltered
9 in Reindahl Park in Madison, Wisconsin.

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11 To diversify shelter options for people who are living unsheltered, and to increase shelter
12 capacity that meets the growing number of Dane County's neighbors experiencing
13 homelessness, the City of Madison developed and opened an urban campground in November
14 of 2021.

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16 The Dairy Drive urban campground provides climate controlled palette shelter to up to 29
17 households experiencing homelessness. Supportive services are provided on-site, as are safe
18 connections to water, electricity, and other basic needs for households. Since the campground
19 has opened, the number of households experiencing unsheltered homelessness has
20 decreased. In addition, 37 households have transitioned into permanent housing with the help of
21 campground service provider Madison Street Medicine and other community partner agencies.

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23 The Dane County Department of Human Services – Housing Access and Affordability Division
24 (HAA) seeks to award a \$174,500 contract to the City of Madison to enable them to continue
25 operation of the Dairy Drive urban campground. The contract term is from January 1, 2024 –
26 December 31, 2024.

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28 Expected program outcomes include the provision of safe shelter, basic needs connection and
29 referral to community resources for households experiencing homelessness.

30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a \$174,500 contract be approved for
31 the City of Madison (term of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024) and that the County
32 Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf
33 of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to make payments:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
The City of Madison	\$174,500

36 **Total Expenditure: \$174,500**