



Dane County Department of Human Services Division of Adult Community Services

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To: Personnel and Finance Committee

From: Lynn Green

Re: Request for Exception to Ordinance Chap 20.16 Honorarium Limitation

Date: February 1, 2019

Dane County Department of Human Services has again received a \$4,753 Domestic Abuse in Later Life Grant from the Wisconsin Division of Public Health (WDPH), Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources. WDPH has approved our plan to offer the Fifth Annual Domestic Violence in Later Life Conference which will focus on elderly abuse from technology and financial exploitation. Technology has a major impact on survivors of abuse and can be used by a victim to access help, to strategically maintain safety and privacy, and to remain connected to family and friends. However, technology is also used by abusers and perpetrators to stalk, scare, and scam their victims. Ms. Rachel Gibson with the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the Safety Net Project, will be our morning keynote speaker. Ms. Gibson is a Senior Technology Specialist and works to address all forms of technology that impacts survivors of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual violence.

The Conference Planning Committee has negotiated a \$1,000.00 honorarium, flight and a one-night hotel stay and parking with Ms. Gibson. This fee is less than half of her customary fees and is reasonable given her expertise and national reputation. Per Ms. Gibson's request the payment would go to the National Network to End Domestic Violence. The Conference will be held on November 1, 2019 at the UW-Madison Wisconsin Institute for Discovery building. Ms. Gibson will share materials with Conference participants and engage individuals in a large group discussion.

The Department is requesting an exception to Ordinance Chapter 20.16 that limits honorariums for non-employee speakers to \$250.00 except upon prior Committee approval.

Thanks you for your consideration of this request.