

1 **2019 RES-141**

2 **APPROVING THE ADDITION OF VILLAGE OF COTTAGE GROVE TO THE DANE COUNTY URBAN COUNTY**
3 **CONSORTIUM**
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5 In December 1999, 43 communities in Dane County, outside the City of Madison, came together to form
6 the Dane County Urban County Consortium (UCC). This consortium allowed the County to become eligible
7 to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and
8 Urban Development (HUD) for the first time. CDBG dollars fund a variety of housing and community
9 development activities targeted towards low- and moderate-income persons. By being part of the UCC,
10 participating units of local government may also participate in the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME)
11 program as Dane County receives HOME funding. Additional communities have elected to join the
12 Consortium over the years such that 56 communities currently participate.

13 These communities sign three-year Cooperation Agreements that automatically renew for each three year
14 period that Dane County qualifies for entitlement status as an Urban County for participation in the CDBG
15 program and as a HOME Consortium for participation in the HOME Investment Partnerships program. The
16 current qualification period is for FY 2020-2022.

17 The Village of Cottage Grove has elected to participate in the UCC program and has signed a Cooperation
18 Agreement and Resolution authorizing the Village to join the UCC beginning in 2020. This new Agreement
19 must be signed by the County and submitted to HUD for approval.

20 The Village of Cottage Grove adds 6,635 in population to the Urban County Consortium bringing the total
21 participating to 96% of the eligible Dane County population outside the City of Madison. A higher
22 participation rate of eligible units of local government in the UCC allows for a more comprehensive
23 approach for the CDBG program because Dane County CDBG and HOME dollars can only be spent in
24 participating communities.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County CDBG Commission and County Board express
26 their appreciation to the existing communities in the Dane County Urban County Consortium and
27 welcome the Village of Cottage Grove; and,

28 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Executive is authorized to sign the above referenced Cooperation
29 Agreement with the Village of Cottage Grove and submit the signed agreement to the U.S. Department of
30 Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of including the Village of Cottage Grove in the Dane
31 County Urban County Consortium beginning in 2020.