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APPROVING A CONTRACT TO EXPAND COLD STORAGE CAPACITY AT THE BADGER PRAIRIE NEEDS NETWORK FACILITY

The economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has created a significant increase in the need for food distribution due to households in Dane County. The County has partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank to facilitate the purchase of additional food supplies to be distributed to local food pantries to address this need. The expanded need has also revealed some inadequacies in the local distribution network, especially for refrigerated and frozen foods.

The Badger Prairie Needs Network (BPNN) facility in Verona is a critical link in that network. BPNN indicates that they are prepared to contract for a 1,000 square foot expansion of their cold storage capacity at the current facility, and serve as a drop-site for food banks, such as Second Harvest, as part of their distribution efforts. They have observed a 500% increase in the number or requests for food assistance and an over 100% increase in the number of households served.

The cost of the project is estimated at $320,887.

THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as part of its COVID-19 Food Program, the County Board approves the agreement between Dane County and the Badger Prairie Needs Network for purposes of expanding the cold storage capacity at its facility and to serve as a drop site for cold foods and that the County Executive and County Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVEDD that account ADMADM NEW “Badger Needs Network COVID Expense” be created with a budgeted amount of $320,887 and account ADADM 80002 “CARES ACT REVENUE” be increased by $320,887, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Controller’s Office is authorized to issue the payments provided for in the agreement.