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AWARDING CONTRACT TO THE URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER MADISON DCDHS – HAA DIVISION

Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) Housing Access and Affordability (HAA) Division seeks to contract with the Urban League of Greater Madison for planning assistance to support the creation of an economic development hub currently targeted for the South Park Street corridor in the City of Madison to support minority-owned businesses.

The vision for the hub is inspired by the Sherman Phoenix in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Sherman Phoenix was developed in the aftermath of unrest in the Sherman Park neighborhood following a fatal 2016 police shooting. The facility is located in what was then a fire-damaged BMO Harris Bank building, offering what the Sherman Phoenix website describes as a "high-quality space for small businesses-of-color offering diverse foods, wellness services and cultural activities. Updates to the neighborhood include much-needed community spaces to curate art exhibits, film showings, and cultural events."

Under this contract, the Urban League of Greater Madison would provide stakeholder engagement around various planning processes related to the facility; conduct a site search; develop the facility's operational structure, financial modeling, and business plan; and conduct outreach to and selection of prospective tenants for the facility.

The Urban League of Greater Madison's contract will begin on August 17, 2020. The cost of this contract will be \$100,000. Funding for the contract is available from savings from position #2853.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 operating budget be amended as follows:

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 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Board approves the award of a contract with the Urban League of Greater Madison for the period August 17, 2020 through August 16, 2021 and authorizes the County Executive and County Clerk to execute the contract documents, and authorizes the Controller to issue checks for payment of contract invoices.