

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Resolution #2021–12

**Authorization to Accept Funds from The Roots and Wings Foundation, Inc. to
support Nurse Family Partnership Operations**

The Roots and Wings Foundation, Inc. was established in 2020, replacing the previous Magic Pebble Foundation, Inc. which began in Wisconsin in 2012. The Public Health Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Program has received grant funding for four years from this foundation. The Roots and Wings Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit, private foundation which supports organizations in Wisconsin, as well as some others across the nation and focuses on early childhood, basic needs, healthcare and human rights.

PHMDC has been a provider of NFP services since 2012. The NFP mission is to positively transform the lives of vulnerable babies, mothers and families. NFP is an evidence-based, community health program that serves low-income women pregnant with their first child. Each mother served by NFP is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits that continue through her child's second birthday. NFP goals are to improve pregnancy outcomes, improve child health and development and improve economic self-sufficiency.

The Roots and Wings Foundation, Inc. has selected PHMDC for grant continued funding in the total of \$120,000 over two years, \$60,000 in 2021 and \$60,000 in 2022. This grant will continue to support NFP program operations through the use of flexible funds for NFP clients to cover the costs of such things as: a portion of rent, car repair payment, gas cards, or educational courses. Flexible funding has proven invaluable for NFP families in previous years. Funds also support the NFP Community Advisory Board (CAB). Our CAB was formed intentionally to elevate the voices of families most impacted and thus is comprised of current and former NFP participants. These women volunteer their time to provide feedback on ways the NFP program and services in Dane County can be improved to better support young families.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County, on behalf of Public Health—Madison and Dane County, is authorized to accept Grant funding of \$120,000 over the course of two years from The Roots and Wings Foundation, Inc. to support the Nurse Family Partnership Program.

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