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2021 RES-206

**AWARDING CONTRACTS TO NON PROFIT ARP GRANT RECIPIENTS
FOR DIRECT CLIENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
DCDHS – PEI DIVISION**

Dane County Department of Human Services' (DCDHS) Prevention and Early Intervention Division (PEI) is seeking authority to award contracts in excess of \$100,000 to thirteen (13) non-profit agencies providing services to communities impacted by COVID-19. These one-time grants are the result of a grant-making process using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

PEI has been granted funding authority within 2021 RES-083 to offer and allocate one-time grants to Dane County non-profit agencies to bolster their efforts to meet client and community needs for those most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Only Dane County non-profit agencies providing human service were eligible to apply for this grant opportunity. Eligible non-profits did not need to be current DCDHS purchase of service (POS) providers to qualify as the intent of this initiative was to support emerging organizations doing community based work during the pandemic that had not been reimbursed by existing state and local funding to this point. This funding opportunity was not open to public or private schools, other units of state or local government, private sector business, or individuals. The proposed grant design reflects the need to institute programming and supports quickly, and includes flexibility to address the needs of individual not-for-profit agencies.

Grant activities include the following: 1) Expansion of, or needed adaptation to, any current operating expenses; 2) Permanent housing costs not covered by Emergency Rental Assistance funds; 3) Resource linkage or navigation; 4) Food security activities; 5) Direct service materials and supplies; 6) Basic needs allocations to promote safety and wellbeing.

In compliance with 2021 RES-013, the following is the statement of justification, explanation of expected outcomes, and plan for quarterly data collection:

Justification: The on-going pandemic significantly impacted non-profit agencies across Dane County stretching service delivery resources to meet growing community and client needs. One stated purpose of the American Rescue Plan is to allow local governments to assist non-profits to cope with the negative economic consequences of the pandemic. This initiative specifically targets human service non-profit organizations to bolster their service delivery efforts.

This funding does not expressly leverage or require current partnerships in order to execute the activities. The grant period runs through December 31, 2022.

Guidance regarding the ability to utilize American Rescue Plan Act funding for issuance of the Not for Profit Services to Support Communities Impacted by COVID grants was obtained in review of HR1319 - The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 by the Dane County Department of Administration.

Eligibility: To be eligible for this funding, an agency must be a registered 501(c)(3) or have applied through a fiscal agent that is a registered 501(c)(3), and provide services in

52 Dane County. The minimum grant award was \$50,000 and the maximum was \$250,301.
53 Agencies receiving awards on average serve a population that is 87% low income.
54 Approximately 125,000 Dane County citizens and their families will receive support
55 through the non-profits receiving funding support. Priority was given to small, emerging
56 agencies serving low-income communities or individuals. The impact ranges from
57 meeting the basic needs of families, ensuring food security and housing support,
58 bolstering mental health and AODA agency capacity, and enhancing programs serving
59 and supporting youth, people with disabilities, BIPOC communities, and older adults.

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61 Reporting: Grantees shall report implementation progress quarterly using an on-line
62 platform prior to the release of the quarterly payment. Grantees will submit a final report
63 by March 1, 2023 that shall summarize numbers served, program activities and service
64 impact, dollars expended, outcomes or the impact their activities had on the community
65 served by the grant activities including the equity challenge addressed.

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67 Duplication: Pursuant to ARP federal guidance, funds will not be used for this initiative
68 that are otherwise provided for through other pandemic relief.

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70 All grant awards are under \$100,000 except for the following agencies:

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72 The Hmong Institute is receiving funds to address inequities in service access due to
73 language and cultural barriers to the Hmong, Cambodian and Tibetan community by
74 providing case management, housing support, resource navigation, and meeting basic
75 needs such as household supplies and food security. Total \$250,301.

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77 Community Agency Bridging the Gap is receiving funds to build resident leadership in
78 the Allied Drive neighborhood to improve community well-being and connect residents to
79 resources to improve life quality, promote safe and affordable housing, and provide
80 resources to address basic needs during the pandemic. Total of \$150,000. The Center
81 for Community Stewardship will serve as fiscal agent.

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83 Connecting the Dots with Mattie is receiving funds for street outreach, navigation and
84 support to Dane County's homeless population to "connect the dots" between needs and
85 community resources. The funds will support hotel housing, transportation vouchers,
86 basic need supplies, and food. Total of \$150,000. South Metropolitan Planning Council
87 will serve as the fiscal agent

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89 EOTO Culturally Rooted is receiving funds for a Peer Support Warmline & Bridging
90 services to allow people experiencing challenges due to COVID-19, mental health,
91 trauma, and/or substance use issues to access professional support in a quick, low
92 barrier manner, and providing peer-to-peer outreach support for Black youth and young
93 adults. Total of \$150,000. The Center for Community Stewardship will serve as fiscal
94 agent.

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96 Families Back to the Table, Inc. is receiving funds to deliver direct services by volunteers
97 with lived experience to families who need immediate resources to promote stability and
98 address issues of food insecurities, housing set-up, and linkage to resources. Total of
99 \$150,000.

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101 JFMJ Academy Inc. is receiving funds for utility bill support and food security for low-
102 income women, men, and children by maintaining a tally of parishioner's and other

103 community members who need help with their bills and food. The majority of these
104 individuals hold low-paying jobs or lost employment during the pandemic. Total of
105 \$150,000.

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107 Vera Court Neighborhood Center/Latino Academy of Workforce Development is
108 receiving funds to address basic needs, food security, and resource navigation for the
109 Latinx population, where 85% of those served by the agency lost employment and were
110 ineligible for most relief funding. This effort will also meet the growing demand for
111 language and skills training needed to regain employment. Total of \$150,000.

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113 MACH OneHealth is receiving funds to provide outreach and resource linkage for
114 medical, mental health, and AODA services for the unsheltered, homeless population
115 through nurse and street outreach efforts. Total of \$150,000.

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117 Madison Area Community Land Trust is receiving funds that will help defray ongoing
118 housing costs and improve the quality of life for our low-income residents by connecting
119 them to grants, low interest loans, and affordable repair services. A large percentage of
120 MACLT homeowners have endured economic challenges from COVID-19 including
121 female heads-of-household with children. Total of \$150,000.

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123 Occupy Madison, Inc. is receiving funds that will create housing stability for over 60
124 people by building additional tiny houses thereby freeing up 23 Conestoga huts. The
125 funds will support operating costs for the first two villages. These funds will stabilize
126 Occupy during a huge growth period. Total of \$150,000

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128 Progress Center for Black Women is receiving funds to provide basic need, housing,
129 emotional, health and mental health support for BIPOC women with children. The Center
130 addresses these needs by providing a “Black woman centered approach” to providing
131 direct support, education, case management, financial support and help accessing
132 additional resources. Total of \$150,000. The Center for Community Stewardship will
133 serve as fiscal agent.

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135 Root to Rise, Inc. is receiving funds to provide academic support to BIPOC students to
136 address the educational success gap between white students and students of color that
137 has widened during the COVID-19 pandemic. The initiative will also provide financial
138 literacy training and employability skills. Total of \$150,000.

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140 Southeast Asian Healing Center is receiving funds to provide in-person group wellness
141 services, case management, transportation and accompaniment to medical and other
142 appointments, health information classes on diabetes, hypertension, and COVID-19
143 precautions, and supportive counseling to the Hmong and Cambodian communities.
144 Total of \$150,000.

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146 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the following contracts be awarded and
147 that the County Executive and the County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to
148 sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to
149 issue checks for grant issuance to all qualified agencies identified by the Department to
150 receive funding under this initiative.

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152 Vendor Amount
153 The Hmong Institute Incorporated \$250,301

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155	Center for Community Stewardship/Community Agency Bridging the Gap LLC	\$150,000
156	South Metropolitan Planning Council/Connecting the Dots with Mattie, Inc.	\$150,000
157	Center for Community Stewardship/EOTO, LLC	\$150,000
158	Families Back to the Table, Inc.	\$150,000
159	JFMJ Academy, Inc.	\$150,000
160	Vera Court Neighborhood Center, Inc./Latino Academy of Workforce	
161	Development, Inc.	\$150,000
162	Madison Area Care for the Homeless (MACH) OneHealth, Inc.	\$150,000
163	Madison Area Community Land Trust	\$150,000
164	Occupy Madison, Inc.	\$150,000
165	Center for Community Stewardship/Progress Center for Black Women	\$150,000
166	Root to Rise, Inc.	\$150,000
167	Southeast Asian Healing Center, Incorporated	\$150,000
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