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2024 RES-221

**ACCEPTING 988 IMPROVEMENT GRANT
DCDHS – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION**

Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) has been awarded a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services designed to enhance collaboration with the Wisconsin 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. The 988 Improvement Grant will be used to hire two new full-time positions in the Dane County Crisis system to engage in coordination, policy development, and training to better serve individuals who contact 988 and need additional local support and follow-up services.

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides free and confidential support for anyone experiencing a suicidal, mental health, and/or substance use crisis. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services contracts with Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin in Green Bay for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Family Services serves the entire state with trained counselors who respond to calls, texts, and chats. The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline has received over 10,600 calls originating in Dane County since their launch in July 2022, making Dane County the Wisconsin county with the third highest call volume. Some callers to 988 require or would benefit from further local support.

The 988 Improvement Grant will A) Establish common situations and practices to ensure callers, chatters, and texters to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline who need local support are provided with resources and follow-up; B) Improve our collaboration and partnership between the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the Dane County crisis system; C) Educate staff and community crisis partners on the role and responsibilities of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline as it supports Dane County residents; and D) Identify options for project sustainability following the grant period. The 988 Improvement Grant expires September 30, 2025, with an option to continue grant funding through September 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following new revenue and new expense accounts be added to the Behavioral Health section in the Department of Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following revenue account be adjusted and that the revenue increase be credited to the County General Fund and transferred from the General Fund to the following expenditure account in the Department of Human Services:

Revenue Account Number	Account Title	Amount
96000 85988 (NEW)	988 Improvement Grant(NEW)	\$200,000
Expenditure Account Number	Account Title	Amount
96476 35501	Crisis Intervention	\$200,000

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that unspent funds from 2025 be carried forward for expenditure in future years.