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2024 RES-207

**ACCEPTING REVENUE AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES TO AWARD AN
AGREEMENT TO CENTRO HISPANO, INC. TO EXPAND SERVICES FOR YOUTH
DCDHS – PEI DIVISION**

Dane County Department of Human Services' (DCDHS) Prevention and Early Intervention Division (PEI) is seeking spending authority to use American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to award a grant agreement for \$230,000 to Centro Hispano, Inc. to explore the feasibility of expanding Centro services to middle and high school youth who live in communities outside of Madison. This grant agreement also provides for Centro to expand programming to elementary age children. This is a one-time grant using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

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

Justification: The pandemic has significantly impacted youth who continue to struggle academically and socially, with BIPOC youth disproportionately impacted. Nationally, Latinx youth have a lower sense of belonging in middle school, high school, and in the community in general (Rodriguez, S. 2023) limiting their trajectory in school and in life. In Madison, few resources support the necessary holistic engagement of Latinx youth as they make important transitions - elementary to middle, from middle school to 9th grade, and from high school to young adulthood. Centro provides a space for Latinx youth and families to celebrate their background as an asset, not a problem or a barrier. Centro offers Dane County residents the resources to meet youth, family and community need. This project explores and lays the groundwork for middle and high school youth living outside of Madison to engage in services at Centro. Centro will develop relationships with administrators and key staff members at the Sun Prairie, Verona, Middleton and Oregon school districts to explore district readiness to engage youth in Centro youth programs. Centro will provide transportation, develop protocols, and coordinate all logistics. Centro will also develop programming and engage 4th and 5th grade children in Centro programming at three Madison Metropolitan School Districts. One stated purpose of the American Rescue Plan is to allow local governments to assist non-profits to cope with the negative consequences of the pandemic. This initiative specifically targets a human service non-profit organization to bolster its service delivery efforts.

Grant Period: The grant period runs through July 31, 2026.

Expected Outcomes: Centro will 1) Explore the feasibility of offering Centro programming to youth living outside of Madison by developing school district relationships, then creating protocols, and providing transportation allowing youth to participate in programs at Centro, and; 2) Engage 4th and 5th grade students in Centro programming at three MMSD elementary schools.

Reporting: GRANTEE shall provide quarterly reports to the GRANTOR with a summarizing service progress and progress toward meeting Performance Indicators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following expense and revenue accounts be added to the Prevention and Early Intervention Division of the Department of Human Services 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:

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53 Account Number Account Title Amount
54 72000 81367 (NEW) ARP Revenue \$230,000

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56 Expenditure
57 Account Number Account Title Amount
58 72000 30026 (NEW) ARP Expenses \$230,000

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60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following Grant Agreement be awarded to Centro
61 Hispano, Inc. in the amount of \$230,000, and that the County Executive and the County Clerk
62 are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of Dane County, and
63 that the Controller is authorized to issue funding under this initiative.

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65 Vendor Agreement Amount
66 Centro Hispano, Inc. \$230,000

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68 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that unspent funds be carried forward for expenditure in future
69 years.
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