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51 While the purpose-built men’s shelter is a significant step forward in the provision of services for
52 men experiencing homelessness, the need for services continues to rise. When planning began
53 for the new men’s shelter in 2022, the 250-bed capacity was enough to meet the projected
54 need. Since that time, national economic pressures and a persistent housing crisis have led to a
55 local increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness. The community also lost
56 shelter bed capacity when the temporary urban campground located on Dairy Dr. in the City of
57 Madison was closed in September 2025. The nightly average number of people served at the
58 men’s shelter in the month of May 2026 was 306 guests.

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60 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Dane County approves an intergovernmental
61 agreement with the City of Madison for the purposes of supporting operations of the new
62 emergency shelter for men with up to \$1,064,203 in operating funds in 2026.

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64 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board is committed to addressing the
65 needs of people experiencing homelessness, including people experiencing unsheltered
66 homelessness, related to a reduction in available shelter beds.

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68 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board is also committed to working with
69 the community and its partners at the City of Madison to prevent the criminalization of
70 homelessness and to work together on solutions that create lawful places for people
71 experiencing homelessness to sleep, including its efforts to support the operation of a winter
72 overflow shelter for men with a \$440,000 investment, and \$2 million in capital funding for a
73 community partner to purchase land for lawful outdoor sleeping.

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75 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Executive and the County Clerk are hereby
76 authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the Dane
77 County Controller’s Office is authorized to issue payments pursuant to the agreement.