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The services in this resolution are funded in part with the County's allocation of emergency rental assistance (ERA) authorized in the 2021 American Rescue Plan. Therefore, this resolution follows the format outlined in 2021 RES-013.

Authorizing Law: In March of 2021, the federal government authorized the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan (ARP) stimulus bill authorizing additional funding to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic across multiple areas of need.

The act included \$21.5 billion in funding for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA 2). Dane County received and, in partnership with Urban Triage, Inc., distributed \$12.5 million of that amount to support local efforts to prevent evictions and provide housing stability.

Dane County received a reallocation of an additional \$29.2 million in ERA 2 from the United States Treasury in 2022. The funds were reallocated from the State of Wisconsin's ERA 2 allocation, and other ERA 2 communities, and granted to Dane County.

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Enduring economic hardship that originated during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Dane County's households. The need to increase the number of affordable housing units in Dane County, and to preserve existing affordable housing, is key to addressing Dane County's current housing crisis.

In Spring of 2024, two affordable housing developments formerly owned by Heartland Properties were sold to Cinnaire Solutions Corporation. The process was the culmination of an unprecedented legal and legislative process that prevented the two properties from falling into further disrepair, and enabled our community to preserve critical affordable housing units.

The two properties are now known as Enso and Amphora, respectively. Dane County supported efforts to operate, rehabilitate, and preserve Enso apartments with a grant in May of 2024.

The Dane County Department of Human Services – Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) seeks to award \$226,000 to Cinnaire Solutions Corporation for additional operations and rehabilitation costs to support the long-term strength of the Enso and Amphora apartments.

Duplication of Funding/Existing Partnerships and Programs: The funding is not duplicative.

Expected Outcomes and Data Collection

Expected program outcomes include the operation, rehabilitation, and preservation of existing affordable housing at 715 Rethke Ave. in Madison, WI 53714 and at 7933 Tree Lane in Madison, WI 53717.

Data collection will minimally include:

- i. Reports and information pursuant to federal Emergency Rental Assistance regulations reports for ERA 2 spending activities occurring on/before September 30, 2025.
- ii. Annual eviction data as required by 2015 RES-156 Sub. 1. The number of eviction actions filed, the reason for eviction, the number of eviction notices issued to the tenant in the twelve (12) months preceding the eviction filing, the number of eviction judgments granted, writs executed, and/or other case resolution (e.g. vacated prior to execution of writ or allowed to stay with conditions).

NOW, THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a \$226,000 grant be approved for Cinnaire Solutions Corporation and that the County Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller is authorized to make payments:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
Cinnaire Solutions Corporation	\$226,000

Total Expenditure: \$226,000