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2024 RES-015

**AWARDING A GRANT OCCUPY MADISON, INC FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF TINY HOUSE VILLAGE AT 201 SOUTH STOUGHTON ROAD IN THE
CITY OF MADISON
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

The services in this resolution are funded in part with the County’s allocation of local aid authorized in the 2021 American Rescue Plan. Therefore, this resolution follows the format outlined in 2021 RES-013.

Justification

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.

Dane County was allocated over \$106 million in ARP local aid. A portion of those funds has been previously committed to various efforts to promote economic and housing stability for households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. \$500,000 in ARP funding was authorized in the 2022 Dane County Budget to provide a grant to a non-profit organization for the establishment of a Tiny House Village or similar arrangement. A Tiny House Village is any site, lot, parcel, or tract of land designed and maintained, intended or used for the purpose of supplying a location or accommodations for more than three (3) Tiny Houses and may include all buildings intended for use as part of the Tiny House Village. A tiny house is considered to be any movable sleeping or living quarters used as an individual’s place of habitation.

Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Enduring economic hardship that originated during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Dane County. The number of people being served by Dane County’s emergency shelters serving single adults have reached historic levels. The number of people being served by Dane County’s emergency shelters serving single adult men have reached historic levels averaging 283 guests an evening and peaking at 311 guests in April. Dane County’s emergency shelter serving single adult women has been peaking at 80 guests during the winter months.

In order to increase the existing capacity of emergency shelter, and to help address the unmet need in Dane County for safe shelters for persons experiencing literal homelessness and living outside or in places not meant for human habitation, the 2022 Dane County Budget included funding for the development of a Tiny House Village.

The Dane County Department of Human Services (DCDHS) Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) seeks to award funding to Occupy Madison, Inc. develop a Tiny Housing Village to be located at 201 S. South Stoughton Road, Madison. Occupy Madison was selected via an application process to which it was the sole respondent.

The developed Tiny House Village will contain houses for 20 – 30 residents; a wood working workshop and craft shop to build houses and items for Occupy Madison’s store; community space for meetings; and living facilities for residents to include common area, showers, laundry, and kitchen facilities. Occupy Madison will prioritize access to Tiny Houses for residents as follows: people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and living in places not meant for human habitation, primarily on the street, in tents or vehicles; people sleeping at shelter; people who are doubled up.

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54 The total grant award is \$500,000 for Occupy Madison, Inc. The grant term is from July 1, 2024
55 – June 30, 2025.

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57 Duplication of Funding/Existing Partnerships and Programs: The funding is not duplicative and
58 funding is needed to develop the Tiny House Village.

59 **Expected Outcomes and Data Collection**

60 Expected program outcomes include the completion of the Bayview Community Center.

61 Data collection will minimally include:

- 62 i. Quarterly expense reports
63 ii. Monthly Program reports to include:
64 a. Unduplicated number of households served.
65 b. Demographics of households served.
66 c. Number of participants connected to community services identified
67 through individual needs assessment.
68 d. Number of individuals who left the program and where they exited to (i.e.
69 permanent housing).
70 e. Percentage of people who completed the coordinated entry assessments
71 (i.e. VI-SPDAT).
72 f. Number of people who completed permanent supportive housing
73 eligibility documentation process.

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75 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that the County Board requests quarterly
76 reports be shared with the members of the County Board, and that the Health and Human
77 Needs Committee review the reports on a quarterly basis and discuss how the information
78 presented addresses anticipated program outcomes.

79 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a \$500,000 grant be approved for Occupy Madison, Inc. (term
80 of July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) and that the County Executive and County Clerk are hereby
81 authorized and directed to sign the agreement on behalf of Dane County, and that the Controller
82 is authorized to make payments:

83 <u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amendment Amount</u>
84 Occupy Madison, Inc.	\$500,000

85 **Total Expenditure: \$500,000**