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**APPROVING THE ADDITION OF TOWN OF DANE TO THE DANE COUNTY
URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

In December 1999, 43 communities in Dane County, outside the City of Madison, came together to form the Dane County Urban County Consortium (UCC). This consortium allowed the County to become eligible to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the first time. CDBG dollars fund a variety of housing and community development activities targeted towards low- and moderate- income persons. By being part of the UCC, participating units of local government may also participate in the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program as Dane County receives HOME funding. Additional communities have elected to join the Consortium over the years such that 55 communities currently participate.

These communities sign three-year Cooperation Agreements that automatically renew for each three-year period that Dane County qualifies for entitlement status as an Urban County for participation in the CDBG program, and as a HOME Consortium for participation in the HOME Investment Partnerships program. The current qualification period is for FY 2023 – 2025.

The Town of Dane has elected to participate in the UCC program and has signed a Resolution authorizing the Town to join the UCC beginning October 1, 2025, at the start of the next 3-year qualification period. An executed Cooperation Agreement must be signed by the County and submitted to HUD for approval.

The Town of Dane adds 948 in population to the Urban County Consortium, bringing the total participating municipalities to 57 communities eligible in the Dane County population outside the City of Madison. A higher participation rate of eligible units of local government in the UCC allows for a more comprehensive approach for the CDBG program because Dane County CDBG and HOME dollars can only be spent in participating communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County CDBG Commission and County Board express their appreciation to the existing communities in the Dane County Urban County Consortium and welcome the Town of Dane; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Executive is authorized to sign the above referenced Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Dane and submit the signed agreement to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of including the Town of Dane in the Dane County Urban County Consortium beginning on October 1, 2025.