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**APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DANE COUNTY AND
THE CITY OF MADISON FOR AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR ADULT MEN
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

Dane County frequently partners with The City of Madison in a number of areas to prevent and end homelessness. One of those areas is in supporting the emergency shelter system, a critical safety net for people experiencing homelessness.

Prior to the pandemic, shelter for men was provided for many years out of three smaller, separate spaces through key partnerships with several downtown Madison churches. Due to the pandemic, the men’s shelter was relocated, and has operated out of a larger temporary space – first at the Warner Park Community Center, then at the City of Madison’s First Street Fleet Building, and today at a site on Zeier Rd. on Madison’s East Side.

The COVID-19 pandemic, and the lessons learned from the pandemic response, accelerated ongoing community conversations regarding the need for purpose-built shelters, including a new emergency overnight shelter for adult men that will help connect our neighbors in need to permanent housing and other resources.

Dane County has allocated a total of \$10.5 million in capital funds over several budgets to support development of a new permanent shelter for men. The City of Madison has budgeted \$14 million in funding through various local and federal sources for the new shelter, and has taken the lead on processes related to acquiring a suitable property and constructing the facility.

An intergovernmental agreement between Dane County and the City of Madison is needed to enable the County to support the City’s efforts with its capital funds in the event a new shelter development passes all required acquisition, zoning, and approvals processes needed to complete construction and open for operations. The new shelter has been moving through necessary City of Madison approvals. A bid process to identify a contractor to construct the facility at 1918 Bartillon Dr. in the City of Madison is underway. The project is currently anticipated to be complete and open to guests by Q4 of 2025.

Intergovernmental agreements are allowed pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §66.0301, authorizing municipalities to contract with each other in order to work cooperatively in the joint exercise of their respective powers, and for the receipt and furnishing of services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dane County approves an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Madison for the purposes of supporting the development of a new emergency shelter for men with up to \$10.5 million in capital funds; and

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