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**ACCEPTING FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER AND
CONTINUED OPERATION OF EVICTION DEFENSE AND DIVERSION PROGRAM
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

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.

Enduring economic hardship that originated during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Dane County's households. Emergency overnight shelters are serving record numbers of guests. Many renters continue to fall behind on their rent and remain in need of assistance to prevent evictions and homelessness.

In order to help meet the expanding operational needs of emergency overnight shelter for adults who identify as men, and the continued need for assistance for households facing eviction court proceedings, the Dane County Department of Human Services requests a transfer of \$2,300,000 in ARP local aid to the department.

The ARP funding will enable Dane County to support increased costs to provide emergency overnight shelter for men, and to help extend the eviction diversion and defense program currently provided by Tenant Resource Center, Inc. into 2026. Amendments to these respective contracts will be routed separately for legislative approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the account 80000 81367 "ARP REVENUE" be increased by \$2,300,000; account 80000 30264 "COVID RENTAL ASSISTANCE II" be increased by \$1,775,000, account 80000 36250 "EVICTION PREVENTION LEGAL" be increased by \$175,000, and account 80000 36212 "MENS SHELTER ARP" be increased by \$350,000.