

2025 RES-073

**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
DCDHS – HAA DIVISION**

Through the work of the Dane County Regional Housing Strategy – Strategic Action Plan 2024-2028 and the County's commitment to advancing safe and stable housing, the 2024 Dane County Budget identified \$8,000,000 in Capital Funds to hire a consultant to study the scope of farmworker housing needs, develop policies, and provide funding recommendations for the development of a safe farmworker housing program. The funds will also be used for future planning, land acquisition and/or development costs should a safe farmworker housing program move forward.

In 2024, the Dane County Department of Human Services' Housing Access and Affordability (HAA) Division released an RFP for consulting services needed to launch the project. As a result of the RFP process, DCDHS seeks to contract with the nINA Collective Cooperative, a local consulting firm with prior experience working with Dane County. nINA Collective brings a multiracial, multilingual team skilled in facilitation, assessment, evaluation, and justice-centered strategies. Their expertise will support information gathering and the development of an action plan for farmworker housing.

nINA Collective will conduct extensive, intentional, and deliberate stakeholder engagement to census the number of farmworkers in Dane County; foster relationships between farmers, farmworkers, DCDHS staff, and service providers to understand the housing needs and employment demands of farmworkers and their employers; identify current farmworker housing stock, and develop farmworker housing plan/program options tooled specifically to meet the needs identified.

To help accomplish these goals, nINA Collective Cooperative, has identified Sift Consulting LLC, Dr. Armando Ibarra, and Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) as project partners to leverage additional knowledge, impact, and connections to the Dane County farm community.

The total contract amount is \$290,000, contract term July 21, 2025 to July 21, 2026. Any unspent funds for consulting services in 2025 will be available to continue services in 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a Contract be awarded to nINA Collective Cooperative in the amount of \$290,000 (July 21, 2025 to July 21, 2026); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Executive and County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign the agreement; and the Controller is authorized to make payments:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
nINA Collective Cooperative	\$290,000.00

Total Expenditure: \$290,000.00