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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. During and since the worst of the pandemic, the men’s shelter was hosted by several larger temporary locations, most recently at a former retail location on Zeier Rd. on the City of Madison’s far East side.

A planning effort led by the City of Madison, and a joint effort between the City of Madison and Dane County to fund the construction and overnight operations of a purpose-built men’s shelter resulted in the development of a permanent shelter located on Bartillon Drive in the City of Madison.

Dane County has invested over \$1.4 million in funds in the 2026 budget to support the shelter’s operations. The City of Madison has invested over \$1.5 million in operating funds in 2026. The combined contribution is enough to fund overnight operations of the men’s shelter.

The men’s shelter on Bartillon Drive has a number of physical amenities to improve safety and connection to services for guests, such as six separate sleeping pods to help reduce noise, separate spaces where guests with mobility or health needs can be better served apart from the larger population, flexible meeting rooms where service providers can meet with guests, and a commercial grade kitchen to provide on-side meal preparations and employment training opportunities for shelter guests.

A geothermal system and solar panel array will help reduce energy costs for the facility and overall operation costs.

Porchlight was selected to operate the men’s shelter via a competitive RFP process. Services provided by Porchlight and its agency partners will be housing-focused with the goal of increasing exists to housing, while reducing the total amount of time a guest spends in shelter.

Case management is expected to assist guests with housing search and addressing related needs including increasing income, accessing transportation and managing physical and behavioral health.

An intergovernmental agreement between Dane County and the City of Madison is needed to enable the County to support the City’s efforts with County operating funds.

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

52 agreement with the City of Madison for the purposes of supporting operations of the new
53 emergency shelter for men with up to \$1,064,203 in operating funds in 2026; and

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