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TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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RE: USING HOMELESS PREVENTION SERVICES FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE 2022-23 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SHELTERING PLAN FOR FAMILIES

WHEREAS, as we head into winter months that bring temperatures that can be harmful and even fatal to those without shelter, there has been community planning to help ensure that no individual or family remains without a safe and humane sheltering option; and,

WHEREAS, \$168,902 remains of the original \$500,000 the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors allocated from General Fund reserves as part of the 2018 budget which, in coordination with support from other community organizations, has been used with the specific and restricted purpose of funding direct aid (such as rent and other assistance) to households and individuals who are not currently homeless with the intent of preventing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in recent months community agencies, stakeholders and other interested individuals have been meeting regularly and with a sense of urgency to develop a comprehensive emergency winter sheltering plan for La Crosse area individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County can fill a vital need in this collaborative plan by opening the remaining \$168,902 of homeless funding to be used beyond prevention so that it may, in coordination with other available funding and resources, help support a hotel voucher program to aid families who are currently homeless obtain winter shelter as well as support families who, as part of the emergency plan, are moving from local shelters such as the Salvation Army to alternative housing options so that local shelter capacity for individuals can be maximized.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors hereby approves, in collaboration with the community winter sheltering plan, expanding the use of the \$168,902 in remaining homeless prevention funding to include aiding families who are currently homeless obtain shelter or who are relocated from local shelters in order to maximize shelter capacity for individuals during the winter months; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that county funding for this short-term direct aid will be provided through the La Crosse County Human Services Department and may be used for hotel vouchers, rental assistance, security deposit child-care and vehicle repairs to obtain and maintain housing during the winter months; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the expanded use of prevention funds will be allowed from October 20, 2022, through April 30, 2023.

FISCAL NOTE: Operating expenses not to exceed \$168,902 will be tracked in division 100.155.1590 within the County financial system.

Date: Date: 1/2/22

COMMITTEE CHAIR

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Co. Admin.
Fin. Director
Corp. Counsel
Board Chair

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Requested By: Jason Witt
Date Requested: Oct 3, 2022
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 20 Day of 2 Ctaber , 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 20th day of October 2022.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk