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Memo

To: All Alders, Mayor Rhodes-Conway
From: Director Jim O'Keefe, Community Development Division
Date: 5/19/2026
Re: Legistar Item 92946 - City-County Intergovernmental Agreement

A resolution is before the Common Council this evening (Legistar File #92946) seeking Council authorization to execute an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between the City of Madison and Dane County governing the operations of the new men's shelter. The Dane County Board of Supervisors must approve a similar resolution, which will be taken up following the Council's action.

It has been necessary to prepare a substitute resolution to address two topics. The substitute:

1. Removes language authorizing the IGA's renewal next year without Council review. While such renewals are commonplace, the newness of this IGA has moved some Council members to want the opportunity to review its first renewal, and
2. Makes a series of changes needed to accommodate County procedures and to ensure the transfer to the City of all County funds authorized by the County Board to support shelter operations in 2026.

The City's 2026 Adopted Operating Budget authorizes up to \$1.7 million for shelter operations – up to \$1.5 million to be paid to Porchlight, Inc., the operator, and \$200,000 for utility and maintenance expenses that are not included in Porchlight's projected \$3.5 million operating budget. These funds will support shelter costs both at the temporary location on Zeier Road and the new facility on Bartillon Drive, when it opens.

Dane County's 2026 Operating Budget authorizes up to \$1,419,502 for shelter services. It includes up to \$340,821 for a County contract with Porchlight for the first quarter of 2026 for operations at the temporary facility at Zeier Road, and \$1,064,203, to be conveyed to Porchlight through the City of Madison for operations at the new shelter. Finally, the County Budget includes \$14,478 for men's shelter services but for which a recipient is not specified.

In preparing a companion IGA approval resolution for County Board consideration, County staff determined the County Board can only enter into an IGA that conveys to the City the \$1,064,203 explicitly designated for that use. It must take separate action to make available the \$14,478 of non-specified funds. County staff have suggested executing an initial IGA to reflect the original amount (\$1,064,203) specified for transfer to the City as well as an amended version that would take effect following the Board's action to transfer the remaining \$14,478.

The Substitute Resolution provides Council authorization to execute both an initial and a subsequent

amended version designed to ensure the conveyance to the City of all available County funding.

Two new versions of the IGA have been attached to the Legistar file. The **“Revised City-County Shelter Grant Draft”** merely amends Section IV of the previous draft by reducing the County Contribution to be transferred to the City from \$1,078,681 to \$1,064,203. It is attached here for your convenience.

The **“County Amended City-County Shelter Grant Draft”** amends the Revised Draft to reflect the County Board’s anticipated action to transfer the \$14,478 of non-specified funds to the City, restoring the total to \$1,078,681. This version also contains agreed-upon language authorizing any funds remaining from the County’s first quarter contract with Porchlight at Zeier (it hasn’t yet been closed out) to be transferred to the City and to provide the flexibility to use County funds for shelter operations, in 2026, at Zeier as well as Bartillon. This draft is also attached.

By approving the Substitute Resolution, the Council would be providing the means to ensure all authorized County funds are conveyed to the City for shelter use.