



## **CITY COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Linda Ketcham & Ulysses Williams, Co-Chairs



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**DATE:** October 11, 2019

**TO:** Dane County Board of Supervisors, City of Madison Common Council

**FROM:** Linda Ketcham and Ulysses Williams, Co-Chairs  
The City County Homeless Issues Committee

**RE:** City County Homeless Issues Committee 2020 Budget Recommendations

Thank you once again for your continued support for housing and homeless services.

As in previous years, we are respectfully requesting an increased funding commitment in the areas below, beyond what is proposed in the County Executive's and the Mayor of Madison's respective budgets to help meet the needs of our community.

At the Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the City County Homeless Issues Committee, the members present voted to recommend the following items for consideration in your respective 2020 budget processes:

### **2019 Dane County Budget**

- A \$1.3 million capital allocation to The Salvation Army to support their project to create a new, purpose-built emergency shelter for women and families, and affordable housing, on East Washington Ave., in downtown Madison.
- An additional \$3 million increase in capital funds for the Affordable Housing Development Fund (AHDF), bringing the fund to \$6 million total in 2020.
- \$100,000 in funding for eviction prevention funds from Dane County, targeted specifically for individuals who are at risk of losing their housing, but do not meet the eligibility criteria for other programs funded by the state or federal government. The committee is requesting a \$100,000 match from the City of Madison (below) to help fund this initiative.
- \$50,000 to help fund a homeless specialist position in the proposed Dane County Department of Human Services' Housing Access and Affordability Division. The position would focus on underserved populations in the homeless and housing system, including families with children or youth who are defined as homeless under other federal statutes (please see [the Category 3 definition of homelessness](#) under the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for more information). The committee is requesting a \$50,000 match from the City of Madison (below) to help fund this position.

- Assistance in planning and community engagement efforts around establishing a purpose-built emergency shelter for men, through support from existing City of Madison and Dane County staff and relevant government committees.

### **2019 City of Madison Budget**

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Thank you in advance for your consideration of these requests.

cc: Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, City County Homeless Issues Committee members, Jim O'Keefe, Shawn Tessmann, Sarah Lim