



Dane County Department of Human Services

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TO: DCDHS Partners and Interested Others
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RE: Annual RFP Process – 2026 for 2027 Forecast

The Dane County Department of Human Services is preparing for the annual Request for Proposals (RFP) process and want to provide lead time for potential bidders to review this year's RFPs and consider participating in the application process. The following pages list programs that we have tentatively identified to be included in this year's bidding cycle for calendar year 2027 funding. There may be updates and changes to this list.

RFP 101 Video for Vendors & OpenGov

The Dept. of Human Services recently published a DCDHS RFP 101 video to help vendors understand how, where, and why we post RFPs every year. This video, and instructions on using OpenGov, are located on DCDHS's website, [here](#).

RFPs and Application Materials

Most RFPs and associated application materials will be released in April of 2026. Please check the [vendor portal](#) and follow Dane County for updates. The Department of Human Services releases the bulk of its yearly RFPs in the spring, but also releases RFPs throughout the calendar year.

Application Due Date

Applications must be submitted by the time listed on the due date. The RFPs that are released in spring 2026 will typically be due in late May and early June. **Late submissions cannot be accepted.** We recommend your agency familiarize itself with the OpenGov platform to ensure your submissions are on time.

Services Not Listed

As always, providers who have contracts for programs not on the RFP list are not required to submit any information to be considered in the 2027 budget cycle as an ongoing provider. However, **if you have recommendations or suggestions for changes to your current contract**, please discuss these with your contract manager. Remember that continued funding is not guaranteed but is contingent on the 2027 adopted budget.

Dane County Dept of Human Services
Annual Process RFP Forecast

| Behavioral Health Division | |
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| Crisis Stabilization Facility | Currently operating as the Tellurian Crisis Care Center, the Crisis Stabilization Facility will offer rapid access to voluntary, short-term residential care to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis, as an alternative to a hospital or other more restrictive setting. |
| Group home | DHS 83 licensed community-based residential behavioral health group homes or a DHS 88 licensed 3-4 bed Adult Family Home serving adults (18+) with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) who are Dane County residents requiring residential support and structured services |
| Substance use day treatment | A medically monitored and structured nonresidential treatment service consisting of regularly scheduled sessions using modalities such as counseling, case management, group or individual therapy, medical services, and mental health services. These services are delivered, as indicated, by interdisciplinary providers for at least fifteen (15) hours per week. |
| Child and Youth Sexual Abuse Treatment | Program will provide trauma-focused therapy and psychoeducation services to families who have been impacted by sexual abuse and sexual exploitation |
| Youth Mental Health Day Treatment | Comprehensive, structured mental health day treatment services to youth with a mental health condition and a history of behaviors that are challenging to manage in a home, school or community setting |
| Coordination of Community Service Program (CSP) for Adult Criminal Defendants | This program allows community service as an option for judges to use at sentencing, in lieu of jail days or fines, and enhances the continuum of diversion services in the County. |
| Supportive Services for Enso Apartments | Supportive behavioral health services, including targeted case management (TCM) and crisis stabilization, to residents of Enso Apartments |
| Children, Youth, & Families Division | |
| In-Home Safety Services | In-home safety observation and support services for families involved with CPS who have an established Protective Plan/In-Home Safety Plan or case plan |

| Children, Youth, & Families Division (continued) | |
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| Intensive Supervision Services | Services for high-risk youth ages 10-17 who are referred by law enforcement and are either adjudicated delinquent or participating under a consent decree. Program will provide structured, community-based supervision and monitoring designed to promote accountability, support compliance with court-ordered conditions, and enhance community safe while helping youth remain safely in their homes and communities. |
| Disability and Aging Services Division | |
| Grandparents & Other Relatives as Parents Caregiver Program (GORP) | Staff support and direct program services for the Grandparents & Other Relatives as Parents (GORP) Caregiver Program in accordance with the Older Americans Act. |
| Accident Prevention | Provide community education, outreach and interventions to mitigate concerns related to traffic safety. |
| Volunteer Driver Transportation | Safe, general transportation within Dane County for older adults and individuals with a disability. Transportation is provided by volunteers. |
| Volunteer Home Delivered Meal Transportation Service | Delivery of meals prepared and packaged by Dane County contracted dining sites, following all Area Agency on Aging (AAA) of Dane County policies and procedures. Delivery is provided by volunteers. |
| Economic Assistance and Work Services Division | |
| Work Related Services – Job Stipends | Provide stipends for temporary work experience and/or employment training that will lead to in-demand, living-wage employment |
| Work Related Services – SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) FSET 50/50 | Employment and Training services to adults who are eligible for FoodShare in a neighborhood-based setting. Must be able to partner with other providers to meet participants’ complex needs. |
| Work Related Services – SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) FSET 50/50 | Work in conjunction with Early Childhood services to provide FoodShare-eligible families with Employment and Training services. |
| Work Related Services – SNAP Employment and Training (E&T) FSET 50/50 | Provide assessment, training, mentorship, pre-apprenticeship activities, and connection to apprenticeships to FoodShare-eligible individuals interested in obtaining employment in the trades. |

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| Prevention and Early Intervention Division | |
| Early Childhood Zones Employment and Education Services | This program will provide a wide range of services to clients in the Dane County Early Childhood Zones in order to increase their access and readiness to engage in adult education and/or to seek and secure employment. |
| Crisis Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse | Program operates 24/7 toll-free Crisis Help Line services via phone and text to victims of domestic violence in Dane County as well as brief crisis case management services and emergency shelter options to victims in need of greater support. |
| Advocacy Services for Victims of Domestic Abuse | Program will provide advocacy services for victims of domestic violence predominantly in the form of legal advocacy (not representation) to include safety planning, helping clients understand their legal options, and assist victims with court-related paperwork as needed. |
| Housing Access and Affordability Division | |
| Operation of a Day Resource Center | Operation of a day resource center at 615 East Washington Avenue in Madison, WI for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The program is currently operated as “The Beacon” by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Madison, Inc. |
| CDBG - Housing Access and Affordability: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) | |
| CDBG PRO Housing | The program aims to remove barriers to affordable housing, expand the housing supply, and support long-term housing affordability across Dane County. Implementation areas include: Zoning & Code Reform, Emerging Developer Capacity, and Infrastructure & Housing Development. |
| CDBG/HOME Increase Access to Affordable Quality Housing | Increase access to affordable quality housing, including housing rehabilitation, down-payment assistance, homebuilding, and tenant-based rental assistance. Project areas will be listed as separate RFPs. |
| CDBG/HOME Economic & Business Development | Expand economic business opportunities for low- to moderate-income persons which may include supporting direct financial assistance to businesses, providing technical assistance, and supporting microenterprise business efforts. |

CDBG - Housing Access and Affordability (continued)
 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
 Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

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| CDBG Public Services | Provide services to low- to moderate-income persons in Dane County, including but not limited to: Social Services, Transportation, Child Care, Crime Prevention, Job/Skills Training, Homeless Services/Prevention, and Education. |
| CDBG/HOME Public Facilities & Infrastructure | Improve public facilities and municipality infrastructure to support low- to moderate-income persons. |
| HOME Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) | Certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) can apply to create affordable housing developments. |