

RESOLUTION: Approving \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Projects Category to Renovate and Expand St. Vincent de Paul Neenah Menasha

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Feeding America Eastern WI (hereinafter "Feeding America") shows food insecurity rates around 7.5% in Winnebago County, with 57.8% of the Menasha School District and 34.7% of the Neenah School District students on free and reduced lunch; and

WHEREAS, Feeding America has also identified a need for a food pantry in the Neenah area; and

WHEREAS, St. Vincent de Paul has been unable to make the impact the community needs given the food pantry being relegated to a small corner of the store; and

WHEREAS, currently, St. Vincent de Paul has one, standard size house freezer, which makes it impossible to store meat, dairy, and other frozen products in any significant quantity; and

WHEREAS, St. Vincent de Paul has purchased a larger, adjoining space to make the food pantry larger and have a private entrance, but there is still a need to purchase walk-in coolers and freezers and increase storage capacity. These purchases will allow St. Vincent's to expand their services to more families and address food insecurity in the community, build up families' resiliency, and increase the availability of volunteer hours for community members to give back to their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to renovate and expand St. Vincent de Paul Neenah Menasha, *and contingent on St Vincent de Paul remaining committed to its mission to strengthen the lives of individuals, families, and the community.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion, St. Vincent de Paul Neenah Menasha will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

Fiscal Note: \$500,000 in expense will be appropriated from the Spirit Fund, which will reduce its balance by that same amount.

Respectfully submitted by:

ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION

Commission Vote: **7-1, 1 absent**

Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive