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3 **RESOLUTION: Approving \$500,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified**
4 **Community Projects Category to Help Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity**
5 **Build or Rehabilitate 10 Homes in Northern Winnebago County**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, Habitat for Humanity International was originally founded in 1976 by farmers in Americus,
9 Georgia, providing partnership housing focused on people in need of adequate shelter; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity (hereinafter "Habitat") started serving families in
11 Winnebago County through new home construction in 1993. Since then, services have expanded to include home
12 repairs, Rock the Block events, Almost Home guidance and the Appleton Habitat ReStore; and

13 **WHEREAS**, families work in partnership with Habitat to build their home and later purchase their home at a
14 no-interest loan permanently set at 25 – 30% of their household income at closing; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Fox Cities Habitat has built 141 homes, and repaired 292 homes, including the lead-abatement
16 work in 35 homes in Winnebago County; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the Home Buyer Program directly improves and increases the housing stock in Winnebago
18 County and encourages economic development; and

19 **WHEREAS**, increased demand and rising costs have contributed to record increases in home prices in the
20 Fox Valley. In May 2023, Winnebago County home prices were up 18.4% (compared to 2022), selling for a median
21 price of \$261K; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Habitat is one of the only options for families that would never qualify for a traditional loan to
23 build sustainable wealth and equity through homeownership.

24 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$500,000 from
25 the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to help Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat
26 for Humanity build or rehabilitate 10 homes. Funding is contingent on Habitat remaining committed to its mission to
27 strengthen the lives of individuals, families, and the community.

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion, Greater
29 Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance
30 Director outlining the expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the
31 project but not to exceed 5 years from date of disbursement.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Greater Fox Cities
33 Habitat for Humanity shall be responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are
34 determined by Winnebago County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is
35 required by Winnebago County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or
36 misappropriation.

37 *Fiscal Note: This resolution will not amend the County Budget. \$500,000 will be authorized for use from the*
38 *Spirit Fund.*

39 Respectfully submitted by:

40 **ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION**

41 Commission Vote: **7-0, 2 absent**

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

Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive