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3 **RESOLUTION: Approving \$50,000 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified**
4 **Community Projects Category for Pillars, Inc Ascend Program**

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

6 **WHEREAS**, Pillars, Inc (hereinafter "Pillars") provides shelter, support, and solutions to address the housing
7 needs in our community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, since the inception of the program in 2017, the Ascend Program has served over 80 young
9 adults on their journeys to successful independent adulthood; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Pillars acts and advocates on their own and in partnership with others to increase access to
11 affordable housing; and

12 **WHEREAS**, funding from the Winnebago County Spirit Fund will address overdue and underfunded
13 maintenance for 16 Ascend units that are home to 25 households; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Ascend Program participants pay monthly program fees (which cover housing and all other
15 program costs e.g. case management and professional counseling services) 70% below market rate; and

16 **WHEREAS**, affordable rent helps support participants in establishing financial stability and self-sufficiency.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$50,000 from
18 the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved for Pillars, Inc. Ascend Program.

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion of the
20 project, Pillars will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the
21 expenditures. The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed
22 5 years from date of disbursement.

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that Pillars shall be
24 responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago
25 County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago
26 County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

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28 *Fiscal Note: This resolution will not amend the County Budget. \$50,000 will be authorized for use from the*
29 *Spirit Fund.*

30 Respectfully submitted by:

31 **ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION**

32 Commission Vote:

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

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

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40 Jonathan D. Doemel
41 Winnebago County Executive