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#### **Mayor, Rep. Baldwin Announce Madison to Receive Additional Section 8 Funding**

*Madison Secures Additional \$600,000 to Fill Shortfall*

Mayor Dave Cieslewicz and Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin announced today that Madison will receive \$600,000 of additional funding from the federal government to fill the shortfall in Section 8 vouchers for housing assistance for low-income families and individuals.

“Our sincere thanks go to Congresswoman Baldwin, Senator Feingold and Senator Kohl for their hard work on this issue,” Mayor Cieslewicz said. “We are now able to restore funding to keep Madison residents most in need in quality, affordable housing in this incredibly challenging economic climate.”

The additional funding prevented 1144 families or individuals from facing higher rents due to the shortfall.

“I’m very pleased that we were able to help so many individuals and families stay in their homes,” said Congresswoman Baldwin. “This is a win-win situation for all parties and a sign of the challenges we can overcome when federal and local government work in partnership. My thanks to Mayor Cieslewicz for acting quickly to bring this problem to my attention and working with me to resolve it,” Baldwin said.

“I am glad our coordinated effort will help the city better address the housing needs of Madison families,” said Senator Russ Feingold. “The Section 8 program is critical to helping families in need secure safe and affordable housing, and I am pleased the federal government responded to Madison’s request for assistance, especially during these difficult economic times. I will continue to be a strong supporter of the Section 8 program because investing in affordable housing serves as the foundation for improving the lives and communities of millions of Americans.”

“Affordable housing provides a critical safety net for fixed income families and seniors,” said Senator Herb Kohl. “I’m pleased that, working as a team and in concert with the Administration, we were able to resolve this issue. We look forward to working with the Department of Housing and Urban Development to preserve Madison’s affordable housing in the future.”

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) invited the CDA to apply for additional funding last week, after announcing it would be allocating an additional \$30 million to housing authorities across the country that were facing shortfalls.

Since learning of the shortfall in May, the City had requested additional funding from the federal government, participated in “triage calls” with other housing authorities designed to assess shortfalls and worked with the Congressional delegation. Senators Kohl, Feingold and Congresswoman Baldwin

sent a joint letter to HUD urging more funding be made available to fill the shortfall. In addition, Congresswoman Baldwin spoke directly with HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing Sandra Henriquez to ensure that Madison would receive the necessary funding to fill the anticipated shortfall. In that conversation, Baldwin asked HUD to work with her to avoid similar problems in the future.

The CDA will use the funds to restore Section 8 vouchers in Madison to their original funding levels.

The Mayor thanked HUD for addressing the problem faced by authorities throughout the country and CDA staff for working quickly to request additional funding.

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