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FOXCONN

UW still waiting on bulk of \$100M pledge

University has only seen \$700K since 2018 announcement

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MADISON — Foxconn Technology Group gave no money to UW-Madison over the past year, renewing questions about the company's commitment to its \$100 million pledge to the university nearly two years ago.

UW-Madison received \$700,000 in the first of a five-year

agreement — less than 1% of the company's overall commitment. Records show the university has received no additional money in the second year of the agreement.

Foxconn critics say the Taiwanese technology company has failed to live up to its promises, pointing to UW-Madison's struggle to secure what it was promised as just one example. UW-Madison and Foxconn announced "the



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largest research partnership in the university's history" back in August 2018, with Foxconn committing \$100 million to help fund a new UW-Madison engineering building and company-related research.

The master agreement signed by UW-Madison and Foxconn, however, does not specify a dollar figure, instead stating broadly that the company "intends to make a substantial investment in research and other activities" with the university.

"UW-Madison continues to maintain open lines of communi-

cation with Foxconn representatives," university spokesman John Lucas said. "Although Foxconn is in the best position to explain its plans, the university understands that changes in the firm's executive leadership, business goals and impact of the pandemic have resulted in shifting priorities."

Louis Woo, who has often represented the company in Wisconsin and served as a special assistant to Foxconn founder Terry Gou, stepped down last year for personal reasons. Also in 2019, Gou resigned as Foxconn chairman to pursue political office.

Both attended the 2018 ceremony when the company pledged \$100 million to UW-Madison.

University officials declined to answer additional questions, including how much UW-Madison has raised in matching funds and whether the university is hopeful the partnership will move forward in the three remaining years of the agreement.

A Foxconn spokeswoman did not provide answers to a list of questions sent Monday. The company said in a statement last

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WASHINGTON — Three local housing authorities are among the 52 public housing authorities throughout Wisconsin reviving a share of \$3.8 million in CARES Act funding to help low-income families during the coronavirus pandemic.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson on Tuesday announced the distribution of \$472 million in CARES Act funding, including the \$3.8 million for Wisconsin.



Carson

The Housing Authority of Racine County received \$220,629, the Kenosha Housing Authority received \$171,887 and the Walworth County Housing Authority received \$48,427.

This funding can be used by



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PEEKING AT THE PEEPS

Caleb Meekma, 6, looks at "The Peep Virus!" by Autumn Madson, right, and "Schitt\$ Peep" by Julie Serbiak on display during the 11th annual "International PEEPS Art Exhibition: Not Just for Easter Anymore" on Wednesday afternoon at the Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St. The exhibit that was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic features 102 entries by 127 artists that demonstrate talent from across the country. It is set to run through Aug. 29. The RAM is open from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$7 for adults, and \$6 for seniors 62 and older and youths 12 and older. See more PEEPS photos online at journaltimes.com.

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