A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute 2023 contracts for Aging and Disabilities Services, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, as part of the 2022 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Adopted Budget, the Disabilities Services Division (DSD), and Aging Division (AD), were renamed to Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS), to reflect that those services are now being provided under one umbrella to people with disabilities and older adults, ages 18 through the end of their life span; and

WHEREAS, older adults and people with disabilities were previously supported by AD, DSD, and the Office for Persons with Disabilities, and the primary goal of the new ADS is to serve people across their lifespan, with care that promotes the dignity of individuals regardless of race, gender, age, socio-economic status, etc.; and

WHEREAS, one of the services being provided to people with disabilities is inclusive, integrated, and accessible recreational programming at Milwaukee County's Wil-O-Way facilities (Wil-O-Way); and

WHEREAS, this includes a six-week summer day camp for youth ages 7 to 21 at Wil-O-Way, along with year-round center and community-based programming for teens and adults, ages 16 and up; and

WHEREAS, employment is critical to maintaining independence, and ADS supports individuals aged 14 to 30 with a disability, or who are justice-involved youth, in securing and maintaining employment, as well as improving soft skills and industry-recognized skills needed for employment; and

WHEREAS, in addition, DHHS has long operated the Interim Disability Assistance Program, which provides assistance to individuals with disabilities, while their Supplemental Security Income application is pending with the United States Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Adopted Budget for ADS includes sufficient funding for the recommended contract allocations, totaling \$508,057; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 8, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-1112 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to enter into the following contracts for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, as identified below:

Provider	Service	2022	2023	2022/2023
		Allocation	Proposed Allocation	Variance
Easterseals Southeast Wisconsin	Recreational Programming for People with Disabilities	\$266,937	\$266,937	\$0
Broadscope	Employment Initiative	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
Community Advocates, Inc.	Interim Disability Assistance Program	\$91,120	\$91,120	\$0
	Total	\$508,057	\$508,057	\$0

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