

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 18, 2025

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Jack Eckblad, Chair, Committee on Audit

From: Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits, Audit Services Division

Subject: From the Director of Audits, Office of the Comptroller, Audit Services Division, an informational report on the status of recommendations contained in the Grant Management Audit Report

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

This report is for informational purposes. There is no request at this time.

POLICY

The Audit Service Division (ASD) conducts performance audits which provide elected officials and County management with an objective, third-party analysis of their operations to help them improve performance, reduce costs, and make informed data-driven decisions. ASD's performance audit duties are defined in s. 59.255(2)(i), Wis. Stats. and Section 34.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.255(2)(i)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	34.09

BACKGROUND

At its meeting for the January 2025 cycle, the Committee on Audit reviewed our audit report, "County Needs to Establish Clear Roles, Responsibilities, and Procedures for Grant Management," issued in December 2024. The resolution noting County Board concurrence with the report recommendations was adopted.

Attached is a copy of the Executive Summary page that provides general information about our audit. The full audit report is available on the Comptroller's website via the following link:

[Grant Management Audit Report](#)

We are facilitating the submission of the attached status report. The status report provides management comments from the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, the Comptroller, the Department of Administrative Services, and the Treasurer, either

solely or in collaboration with one another, regarding the progress toward implementation of the recommendations in our audit report. Based on the comments provided by management, while progress has been made toward implementation of the recommendations, all 14 remain open. Given the level of effort required to fully implement the recommendations, we plan to facilitate management's next status report for the January 2026 committee meeting cycle.

Related File No's:	24-1074
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	None
Previous Action Date(s):	File No. 24-1074 was adopted February 6, 2025 and signed by the County Executive February 13, 2025.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

The report recommendations seek to enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability.

FISCAL EFFECT

None

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits
Molly Pahl, Deputy Director of Audits
Liz Sumner, Milwaukee County Comptroller
James Moon, Deputy Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller
Joseph Lamers, Director of Strategy, Budget and Performance
Aaron Hertzberg, Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services
Amy Turim, Deputy Director - Operations, Department of Administrative Services
Regina Flores, Procurement Director, Department of Administrative Services
David Cullen, Milwaukee County Treasurer

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ATTACHMENTS:

Executive Summary
Status Report

cc: Liz Sumner, Milwaukee County Comptroller
Audit Committee Members
David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive
James Moon, Deputy Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller
Joseph Lamers, Director of Strategy, Budget and Performance
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Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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