

Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter a 2026 contract with the State of Wisconsin for Social Services and Community Programs, by recommending adoption of the following:

### A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 46.031, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), requires that Milwaukee County (the County) enter into a contract with the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Health Services (DHS) for Social Services and Community Programs (Community Aids); and

WHEREAS, the State has provided notification of funding in 2026 for Community Aids; and

WHEREAS, one of the largest revenue sources for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) are State and Federal funds under the Community Aids State contract, which funds programs in Aging and Disabilities Services (ADS), Children, Youth, and Family Services (CYFS), Housing Services, and Behavioral Health Services (BHS) in DHHS; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Community Aids contract for DHHS provides an allocation totaling \$17,662,282, and this amount is \$408,272 lower than the 2026 total revenue amount of \$18,070,554 included in the 2026 Adopted Budget for DHHS; and

WHEREAS, this decrease is primarily due to Federal funding formulas for Title III of the Older Americans Act (OAA), which can fluctuate year over year, and DHHS anticipates absorbing the majority of this reduction with a 2025 grant carryforward totaling \$340,000; and

WHEREAS, similar to previous years, this contract requires a County match of \$3,565,149, which is included in the 2026 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, DHS funds many of the programs within this contract with Federal grants, and due to Federal funding uncertainties DHS has included required spending controls until final funding decisions are made, at which point DHS will amend County contracts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the County's best interest to execute contracts in a timely manner to improve cash flow and maximize interest earnings; and

WHEREAS, the County will not receive any State Community Aids revenue until the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has authorized the Director, DHHS, to execute the contract; and

47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic  
48 Planning, at its meeting of December 4, 2025, considered File No. 25-757 for  
49 informational purposes only, per Section 59.52(31)(d), State Statutes; and  
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51 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 11, 2025,  
52 recommended adoption of File No. 25-757 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,  
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54 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
55 (DHHS), or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract (and any  
56 addendum thereto) with the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Health  
57 Services covering Social Services and Community Programs (Community Aids), for the  
58 period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in the amount of \$17,662,282;  
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61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, of the \$17,662,282 in total State Community Aids  
62 revenue, \$5,381,228 is Basic County Allocation funding and \$12,281,054 is for  
63 earmarked revenues to support programs and services within DHHS, as identified on  
64 the attachment included in this file; and  
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66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
67 authorizes a Milwaukee County match of \$3,565,149, which is required under the 2026  
68 State contract for Community Aids and is included in the 2026 Adopted Budget for  
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