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3 From the County Executive, requesting emergency allocation of American Rescue Plan
4 Act funding to bolster Milwaukee County’s behavioral health efforts, by recommending
5 adoption of the following:
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7 **A REVISED AND AMENDED RESOLUTION**
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9 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) has seen a recent, serious uptick in
10 gun violence, substance abuse, and other mental health issues; and
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12 WHEREAS, the County recognizes that these issues are symptoms of underlying
13 root causes; and
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15 WHEREAS, the County is committed to moving resources upstream, and dealing
16 with the root causes of violence, substance abuse, and other mental health issues; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and the
19 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture, have proposed several uses of funding
20 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), that would attempt to address those root
21 causes; and
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23 WHEREAS, the County’s Credible Messenger Program identifies high-risk youth,
24 ages 13-20, at the center of gun violence, and provides them with seven-days-a-week
25 mentoring and supportive relationships using credible messengers, and delivers
26 services and supports to these individuals; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Trauma Response Program will fund additional community crisis
29 beds to assist with non-police responses to crisis calls, and would be used to fund the
30 emergency beds/housing options as well as crisis response staff; and
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32 WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Awareness Campaign would create a public
33 awareness campaign about mental health (and/or DHHS-wide) services available; and
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35 WHEREAS, this is specifically in response to promotion and increasing
36 awareness about non-law enforcement related and preventative/upstream services in
37 the Behavioral Health Division, DHHS; and
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39 WHEREAS, this is also related to promotion of No Wrong Door (Children's and
40 Adult Integration projects); and
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42 WHEREAS, increased awareness continues to be a need, as mental health and
43 public safety issues increase through the pandemic; and
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45 WHEREAS, the Safer Milwaukee Support Proposal provides support for a non-
46 law enforcement crisis response pilot suggested in the Safer MKE proposal; and

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WHEREAS, the long-term sustainability plan can include braided funding from grants and Medicaid reimbursable services as well as City of Milwaukee (the City) /County funds; and

WHEREAS, these efforts would increase support for mental health and public safety priorities; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to Parks Program is a targeted investment to improve pedestrian safety, and deter reckless driving in and near County parks, by providing safety measures like curb extensions, raised crosswalks, crosswalk painting and signage, as well as collaboration with the City to improve City rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design is an urban design strategy that focuses on addressing aspects of the built environment, in order to deter criminal activity and promote public safety through placement and alignment of physical improvements, such as alteration of existing landscaping and physical elements of parks, improvement of park lighting to improve visibility, installation of motion sensor lighting controls on buildings, and the removal and regrading of vacant facilities; and

WHEREAS, the DHHS proposals included herein were being considered by the ARPA Task Force through their normal process, however, the urgent need for violence and harm reduction strategies in the current atmosphere necessitates expedited consideration of these requests; and

WHEREAS, 2013 Wisconsin Act 203 requires the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board (MHB) to determine and authorize mental health programs and services, which includes the Emergency Health and Healing Campaign (\$545,600), and the Safer Milwaukee Proposal – Community Trauma Response Support program (\$550,000) included in this file; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance (Finance), at its meeting of March 17, 2022, laid over File No. 22-418 to the call of the chairperson (vote 7-0); and

WHEREAS, Finance, at its special virtual meeting of March 22, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-418 as amended (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the use of ~~\$6,704,500~~ **\$5,608,900** of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for:

- (1) Children, Youth, and Family Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Credible Messenger Program, in the amount of \$1,201,200;

- 92 (2) Housing Division, DHHS, Trauma Response Program, in the amount of
93 \$1,971,200;
94 ~~(3) DHHS Behavioral Health Awareness Campaign, in the amount of~~
95 ~~\$545,600;~~
96 ~~(4) DHHS Safer Milwaukee Proposal Support, in the amount of \$550,000;~~
97 ~~(5)(3)~~ Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) Safe Routes to
98 Parks Program, in the amount of \$1,287,000;
99 ~~(6)~~ (4) DPRC Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Program, in the
100 amount of \$1,149,500

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104 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors**
105 **hereby awards the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board \$1,095,600 of**
106 **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to**
107 **allocate for grant eligible mental health program and services that are contained**
108 **in the Behavioral Health Services Division of the Department of Health and**
109 **Human Services; and**

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111 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance
112 and the Office of the Comptroller are authorized and directed to provide an
113 administrative appropriation transfer to recognize \$6,704,500 of ARPA State and Local
114 Fiscal Recovery Funds, and to allocate funds to the appropriate departments accounts
115 to provide for the programs described herein; and

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117 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, funds will be allocated for contract and accounting
118 staff support within DHHS in administering these additional resources.

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