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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.  
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6 **A RESOLUTION**  
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8 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County has seen a recent, serious uptick in gun violence,  
9 substance abuse, and other mental health issues; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County recognizes that these issues are symptoms of  
12 underlying root causes; and  
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14 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County is committed to moving resources upstream and dealing  
15 with the root causes of violence, substance abuse, and other mental health issues; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services and Parks Department  
18 have proposed several uses of funding from the American Rescue Plan Act funding that  
19 would attempt to address those root causes; and  
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21 WHEREAS, the Credible Messenger Program identifies high-risk youth, ages 13-20, at  
22 the center of gun violence, provides them with seven-days-a-week mentoring and  
23 supportive relationships using credible messengers and delivers services and supports  
24 to these individuals, and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Trauma Response Program will fund additional community crisis beds  
27 to assist with non-police responses to crisis calls, and would be used to fund the  
28 emergency beds/housing options as well as crisis response staff; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Awareness Campaign would create a public  
31 awareness campaign about mental health (and/or DHHS-wide) services available. This  
32 is specifically in response to promotion and increasing awareness about non-law  
33 enforcement related and preventative/upstream services in BHD. This is also related to  
34 promotion of No Wrong Door (Children's & Adult Integration projects). Increased  
35 awareness continues to be a need as mental health and public safety issues increase  
36 through the pandemic; and  
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38 WHEREAS, the Safer Milwaukee Support Proposal provides support for non-law  
39 enforcement crisis response pilot suggested in “Safer MKE” proposal. Long term  
40 sustainability plan can include braided funding from grants and Medicaid reimbursable  
41 services as well as city/county funds. These efforts would increase support for mental  
42 health and public safety priorities; and  
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44 WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to Parks program is a targeted investment to improve  
45 pedestrian safety and deter reckless driving in and near Milwaukee County Parks by  
46 providing safety measures like curb extensions, raised crosswalks, crosswalk painting

47 and signage, as well as collaboration with the City of Milwaukee to improve City rights of  
48 way; and

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

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

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62 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes the use of  
63 \$6,704,500 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery  
64 Funds for (1) Department of Health and Human Services, Children, Youth, and Family  
65 Services Credible Messenger Program in the amount of \$1,201,200; (2) Department of  
66 Health and Human Services, Housing Division's Trauma Response program in the  
67 amount of \$1,971,200; (3) Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral  
68 Health Awareness Campaign in the amount of \$545,600; (4) Department of Health and  
69 Human Services, Safer Milwaukee Proposal Support in the amount of \$550,000; (5)  
70 Parks Department Safe Routes to Parks Program, in the amount of \$1,287,000; and (6)  
71 Parks Department Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design program in the  
72 amount of \$1,149,500; and

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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and the  
75 Office of the Comptroller are authorized and directed to provide an administrative  
76 appropriation transfer to recognize \$6,704,500 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
77 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and to allocate funds to the appropriate  
78 departments accounts to provide for the programs described herein; and

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80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds will be allocated for contract and accounting  
81 staff support DHHS in administering these additional resources.