

The Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance requests \$2 million in ARPA funding to reduce the ongoing risk of COVID-19, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to support individuals, families, businesses, and governments impacted by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will receive \$183.7 million in ARPA funding, through the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted File No. 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force (ARPA Task Force) to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”; and

WHEREAS, of the County’s \$183.7 million of ARPA aid, \$5.5 million, has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for COVID-19 mitigation to fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, in December 2022, the COVID-19 mitigation subgroup recommended the authorization of \$2 million in ARPA Funds for County COVID-19 mitigation strategies within the COVID-19 mitigation category; and

WHEREAS, since December 2022, the subgroup has reviewed 24 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds, and approved \$2,157,045 in expenses of the \$2.5 million COVID-19 mitigation allocated and approved by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 mitigation funds are requested by department and office leads to purchase personal protective equipment, testing, physical changes to facilities, and other mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, focusing on internal COVID-19 mitigation improves the County’s ability to proactively prepare the County to continue providing services throughout the ongoing pandemic, and to stabilize staff needed for pandemic responses in County service areas; and

WHEREAS, \$2 million in ARPA funding will ensure that there is continuity of funding for COVID-19 response activities when the allocation of \$2.5 million is fully expended; and

47 WHEREAS, the ARPA Task Force recommended \$2 million to reduce the  
48 ongoing risk of COVID-19 to employees and the people served in County facilities on  
49 December 1, 2022 (vote 6-0); and

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51 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 26, 2023,  
52 recommended adoption of File No. 23-227 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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54 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
55 authorizes Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) mitigation efforts supported by American  
56 Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue in the amount of \$2 million to the appropriate  
57 departments; and

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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of  
60 Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP), and the Office of the Comptroller  
61 (Comptroller) to process an administrative appropriation transfer of \$2 million to direct  
62 funds to the appropriate departmental accounts for the COVID-19 mitigation efforts,  
63 starting January 1, 2023, until December 31, 2024; and

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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating  
66 department, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Office of Corporation  
67 Counsel, Risk Management Division, DAS, Office of Economic Inclusion, DAS,  
68 Comptroller, OSBP, and County Executive, to prepare, review, approve, and execute all  
69 contracts and other documents, and take all actions as required for the purpose of  
70 administering the above-referenced programs funded by the ARPA grant allocation  
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