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3 A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting
4 approval of \$1,538,636 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to fund the early
5 childhood and family engagement project, by recommending adoption of the following:
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7 **A RESOLUTION**
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9 WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed
10 into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to support individuals, families,
11 businesses, and governments impacted by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
12 pandemic; and
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14 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will receive \$183.7 million in ARPA
15 funding, through the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No.
18 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force (ARPA Task Force) to review and
19 recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for
20 monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”; and
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22 WHEREAS, of the County’s \$183.7 million of ARPA aid, approximately
23 \$36,739,238, has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for Community
24 Support, to generate projects that respond to economic harms to workers, families,
25 small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector in the County; and
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27 WHEREAS, in June of 2022, the Community Support Subgroup – Other Social
28 Determinants of Health recommended \$1,538,636 to engage community partners in
29 providing additional resources, services, and supports to children and their families in
30 the County based on criteria set forth by the ARPA Task Force; and
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32 WHEREAS, this project would provide ARPA funds to help children thrive and
33 give their families techniques to help enhance their child’s development and learning
34 potential; and
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36 WHEREAS, in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the expansion of existing
37 resources, which promote healthy development and prevent toxic stress are imperative
38 to the overall health of children and their families, and families of children with
39 disabilities, as well as those who have been impacted by disparities in COVID-19, are at
40 increased risk of the forementioned challenges; and
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42 WHEREAS, all of the partners that are participating in the initiative including
43 Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), County School Districts, and Milwaukee Child
44 Protective Services, among others, are serving children and families who have
45 experienced disparities in education and health, and the goal is to ensure projects and
46 resources are acceptable, accessible, and meet their needs in a way that is relevant
47 and promotes equity; and
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49 WHEREAS, families who will benefit from the services, resources, and programs
50 will take part in selecting the organizations that will facilitate the projects as part of a
51 “Participatory Budgeting” process, which allocates resources by involving community
52 members to share power and decision-making with government entities; and
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54 WHEREAS, the ARPA Task Force recommended this project for funding on
55 June 9, 2022; and
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57 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 21, 2022,
58 recommended adoption of File No. 22-804 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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60 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
61 hereby authorizes the early childhood and family engagement project supported by
62 American Rescue Plan Act revenue in the amount of \$1,538,636 to the Department of
63 Health and Human Services (DHHS); and
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes DHHS, the
66 Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Corporation Counsel, Office of
67 Corporation Counsel, the Risk Management Division, DAS, Community Business
68 Development Partners, DAS, the Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller), and County
69 Executive, to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents,
70 and take all actions required for the purpose of providing services for the early
71 childhood and family engagement project funded by \$1,538,636, beginning August 1,
72 2022, through December 31, 2026; and
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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of
75 Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and the Comptroller to process an administrative
76 appropriation transfer of \$1,538,636 to direct funds to DHHS for the project.
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