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Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a contract with the State of Wisconsin and to accept \$2,051,427 in Older Americans Act funds as provided through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Law No: 117-2 with a required match of \$300,512, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Title III of the Older Americans Act (OAA) provides for grants to State and area agencies on aging, to stimulate the development of comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems resulting in a continuum of services for older adults and, per Federal regulations, OAA funding must be spent on services that assist older adults with the greatest economic and social need, with particular attention to people of color; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, President Biden signed into the law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which provided states with over \$1.4 billion in OAA funding to allocate to local area agencies on aging; and

WHEREAS, through its ARPA allocation, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has allocated \$2,051,427 in OAA funding, with a required match of \$300,512, to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and

WHEREAS, DHHS has received approval for the match amount of \$300,512, in accordance with Adopted File No. 22-905, which authorizes a Matching Grant Pilot Program supported by a portion of Milwaukee County’s (the County) \$183.7 million ARPA allocation; and

WHEREAS, DHHS staff will work collaboratively with the Commission on Aging and older adults in the County, to determine the best use of OAA dollars provided through the ARPA legislation; and

WHEREAS, DHHS staff and the Commission on Aging will utilize its 2022-2024 Area Aging Plan as the guide for the best use of ARPA/OAA dollars; and

WHEREAS, per Section 53.09, Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, any contract recommendations from the Commission on Aging that utilize ARPA/OAA funding will be submitted to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning, at its meeting of April 6, 2023, considered File No. 23-421 for informational purposes only; and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of April 13, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-421 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), or her designee, to execute a contract with the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Health Services for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2024, and to accept \$2,051,427 in Older Americans Act (OAA) funding with a required match of \$300,512; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, DHHS, is authorized to accept any addenda to the State contract for OAA funds, as provided through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Law No: 117-2, including carry forward of any remaining prior year OAA/ARPA fund balances.

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