

Report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting authorization reallocate \$2.5 million in HOME funds to increase Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for homeless individuals, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Housing Services, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), intends to increase the funding for Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) for homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, the HOME program originated out of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, and Milwaukee County (the County), as a designated Urban County, is part of a HOME Consortia with the Cities of West Allis and Wauwatosa; and

WHEREAS, financing of TBRA is an eligible HOME activity; and

WHEREAS, funding of additional TBRA resources will assist the County with continuing to have the lowest unsheltered homelessness count per capita in the country; and

WHEREAS, TBRA assistance can provide security deposits and up to two years of rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, by providing increased permanent housing support, the County has shown dramatic reductions in criminal justice and healthcare costs associated with homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Housing Services, DHHS, staff will assist tenants in finding housing of their choosing and ensure that all units are inspected through the Housing Quality Standards inspection process; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development, at its meeting of June 15, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-477 (vote 5-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 18, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-477 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, is authorized to reallocate \$2.5 million in HOME funds to increase Tenant Based Rental Assistance for homeless individuals.

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