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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to reallocate previously approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and execute an affordable housing development contract in the amount of \$2.5 million with Communities of Crocus, or its assigns, for a project in the City of Franklin, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County), in partnership with the Community Development Alliance (CDA), adopted the Collective Affordable Housing Plan (the Plan) contained in adopted File No. 22-463; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the need to produce rental homes throughout the County, particularly rental homes that are \$650 per month; and

WHEREAS, current data indicate that there are about 70,000 families in the County who earn \$15 per hour or less, but only about 30,000 rental homes are available to them; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past few years, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$15 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds towards affordable housing, under project 1AR25 (authorized under adopted File No. 22-702), and to distribute this funding to developers, the Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with CDA, issued a rolling Request for Proposals (RFP); and

WHEREAS, a previously funded project for \$2.5 million by the Luther Group in the City of Wauwatosa, under adopted File No. 23-235, is no longer moving forward leading to a reallocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, Communities of Crocus responded to the RFP and plans to develop 12 affordable rental units for young adults with disabilities in the City of Franklin, and is being recommended for \$2.5 million in ARPA funding; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development, at its meeting of May 13, 2024, considered File No. 24-420 for informational purposes only per Section 59.52 (31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 16, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-420 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby
45 authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or her designee, to
46 reallocate previously approved American Rescue Plan Act funds of \$2.5 million, and to
47 execute a development contract with Communities of Crocus, or its assigns, for the
48 period effective June 1, 2024, through June 1, 2025, in the amount of \$2.5 million.
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