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4 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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6 to create one Community Intervention Specialist position, effective February 21, 2021,  
7 in the Department of Health and Human Services - Housing Division, and authorizing an  
8 appropriation transfer of \$48,042 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for  
9 Contingencies to Org. Unit 8529 to fund the position for the remainder of 2021

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12 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services -  
13 Housing Division (DHHS-Housing) performs services related to homeless outreach,  
14 housing intervention, and permanent supportive housing for individuals and their  
15 families; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Community Intervention Specialist positions are vital to the core  
18 functions of the Housing Division and since 2015 they have successfully placed more  
19 than 1,500 homeless individuals and their families into permanent supportive housing  
20 and provided wraparound services to ensure they were able to remain housed; and

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22 WHEREAS, 96 percent of individuals and their families placed in housing through  
23 the Housing Division have been able to maintain housing, and homelessness in  
24 Milwaukee County decreased 45 percent since the Housing First Initiative started in  
25 2015; and

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27 WHEREAS, the success of the Housing First Initiative to end chronic  
28 homelessness will allow the Community Intervention Specialists in 2021 to shift their  
29 focus to placing individuals and their families in rapid rehousing; and

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31 WHEREAS, rapid rehousing plans to place 64 homeless individuals and their  
32 families into medium-term housing and cover rent and expenses for them for up to one  
33 year as well as provide them with needed wraparound services to increase their self-  
34 sufficiency and stay housed; and

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36 WHEREAS, in 2019, Milwaukee County declared racism a public health crisis  
37 (File No. 19-397), acknowledging a locally, longstanding and inequitable access to safe  
38 and stable housing, as homelessness and housing stability disproportionately affect  
39 Black Milwaukeeans, who make up 70 percent of the County's homeless population  
40 while being only 24.6 percent of the County's overall population; and

41 WHEREAS, DHHS-Housing has 23 positions of Community Intervention  
42 Specialist and Lead Community Intervention Specialist, including two positions created  
43 in File No. 20-676, adopted November 5, 2020, that are funded for at least two years  
44 with City of Milwaukee grant funds; and

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46 WHEREAS, the Community Intervention Specialists will provide oversight for all  
47 functions of the rapid rehousing program, that includes management of wraparound  
48 services coordination and housing navigation as these functions are critical to the  
49 success of the individuals and their families placed through the repaid rehousing  
50 program; and

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52 **WHEREAS, at the Committee on Finance meeting on January 28, 2021, the**  
53 **Budget Director, Department of Administrative Services – Performance, Strategy**  
54 **and Budget and Housing Administrator, Department of Health and Human**  
55 **Services, testified that either COVID-19 relief grant funds or other non-tax levy**  
56 **funds may be available to offset the cost of the position for the remainder of**  
57 **2021; and**

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59 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 28, 2021,  
60 recommended adoption of File No. 21-83 (vote 6-0) as amended; now, therefore,

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62 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby creates  
63 the following position effective Pay Period 5, beginning February 21, 2021, to enhance  
64 the Department of Health and Human Services – Housing Division services:

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<u>Title</u>	<u>Title Code</u>	<u># of Positions</u>	<u>Pay Grade</u>
Community Intervention Specialist	00008000	1	24

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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services -  
73 Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget (DAS-PSB), working in conjunction with the  
74 **Housing Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), shall**  
75 **explore the viability of using either COVID-19 relief grant funds or another source**  
76 **of non-tax levy funds to offset the cost of the position for the remainder of 2021;**  
77 **and Office of the Comptroller, is authorized and directed to transfer \$48,042 from**  
78 **Org. Unit 1940-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to the appropriate salary**  
79 **accounts in Org. Unit 8529 - Department of Health and Human Services - Housing**  
80 **Division to offset the cost of the position for the remainder of 2021.**  
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82 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Housing Administrator, DHHS,**  
83 **working in conjunction with DAS-PSB, shall submit a report to the County Board**  
84 **as soon as practical outlining the source of funds and, if needed, an**  
85 **appropriation transfer to allocate the funds to the appropriate organizational unit;**  
86 **and**

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88 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to the extent that COVID-19 relief grant funds**  
89 **or another source of non-tax levy funds are not available to offset the cost of the**  
90 **position for 2021, or the cost cannot be absorbed within existing departmental**  
91 **appropriations, DHHS shall submit an appropriation transfer request in the fourth**  
92 **quarter of 2021 to allocate the funds from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for**  
93 **Contingencies.**

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