

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: August 5, 2019

TO: Supervisor Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stuart Carron, Director, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services

SUBJECT: **From the Director of Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services, providing an Informational Report on the early results of the Free Feminine Hygiene Products Pilot Program approved in the Amendment to the County Executive's 2019 Recommended Budget**

Background

On October 23, 2018 the County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an amendment to the County Executive's recommended budget that authorized and funded a pilot program to disburse free feminine hygiene products in public-access restrooms of the Milwaukee County Courthouse and the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center. The amendment provided \$25,250 for the pilot program and required a report to the County Board no later than the September 2019 meeting cycle on the early results of the pilot program.

Pilot Program Implementation

The Facility Management Division, working with their housekeeping contractor ABM, deployed the program as required in early 2019. Dispensers were specified, sourced, procured and installed in January, and the program went live on February 1, 2019. Dispensers were installed in 12 women's public restrooms in the County Courthouse, and 4 women's public restrooms in the Coggs building. The dispensers are set up to dispense one product at a time at no cost to the user. Receptacles with liners for used product were also installed in each individual stall in all 16 restrooms. The units are inspected and serviced as required two times daily, as part of normal housekeeping rounds.

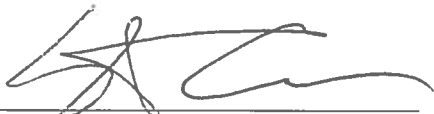
Early Results of Pilot Program

Early results are generally positive. There are occasional signs of emptying of the machines by a small number of users, but this has not materially deterred from the program. Over the period from February through June, four dispensers were damaged and required replacement. Total expenditures through June 30, including the cost of the dispensers, has been \$8417. There have been no additional other operational costs associated with the program. Our projected full-year cost is approximately \$15,000.00, which compares favorably to our \$25,250.00 fund.

Recommendation

The Director of the Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services respectfully requests that this informational report be received and placed on file.

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Exhibit: Photo of product dispenser

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Photo of installed product dispenser

