

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a 2022 State contract for Community Youth and Family Aids in the amount of \$42,973,328

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

DHHS is seeking approval of its 2022 Community Youth and Family Aids contract which reflects a total of \$42,973,328 in revenue to support programs and services within the Children, Youth and Family Services Division (formerly Division of Youth and Family Services). The county cannot receive 2022 revenues from the State until this contract is signed.

POLICY

Section 301.031 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires counties to execute an annual contract with the State Department of Children and Families (DCF) for the “Community Youth and Family Aids Program.” This program provides State funding for County services for justice involved youth as mandated by State and/or Federal law.

In addition, under Milwaukee County Ordinance 59.52(31), departments must obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000. The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is, therefore, requesting authorization to enter into a 2022 contract with DCF for the provision of youth justice services mandated by State law.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	301.031, 301.26
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	59.52(31)

BACKGROUND

The Community Youth and Family Aids Program, commonly referred to as “Youth Aids,” is the State’s primary means of providing counties with direct assistance to fund the cost of services of youth involved in the youth justice system. This revenue is used to fund costs in the DHHS Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) Division (formerly the Division of Youth and Family Services).

Background - Youth Aids Revenue

The base Youth Aids funding amount is predicated on separate allocations contained in Wis. Stat. § 301.26. The original base allocation, which is established on the initial formula for allocations to counties when Youth Aids was created in 1979, includes adjustments that are based on a variety of factors but primarily considers corrections-based metrics such as the number of Juvenile Correctional Institution (JCI) placements. The county’s proportion of placements factored into the 2022 contract compared to the Statewide total declined from 58 percent in 2018 to 51 percent in 2020 which impacted the amount of revenue for 2022.

Additional Program Funding

Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse (AODA) funding is allocated based on each county’s Youth Aids spending on community services (defined as the amount of Youth Aids left after state charges). In addition, the Children and Families Allocation (CFA) may be used for child abuse and neglect, community-based youth justice services, and other children and families target populations.

2022 Contract

The 2021-2023 State Budget allocated additional Youth Aids funding to counties and Milwaukee County received an increase of about \$1.6 million which was offset by some reductions to its base allocation. This resulted in a net increase of \$1,257,873 in the 2022 contract compared to 2021. Reductions to the base allocation occurred due to the decline in Milwaukee County’s proportion of JCI placements compared to the Statewide total.

The majority of the increase already has been incorporated into the 2022 Budget. As shown in the chart below, the 2022 contract for Milwaukee County of \$42,973,328 represents a net revenue increase of \$161,549 compared to the 2022 Budget of \$42,811,779.

Please see the attached table which provides an itemization of the revenues under this contract.

Community Youth and Family Aids 2022 State Funding Notice

State Contract/Revenue Source	2021 State Notice	2022 State Notice	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 State Notice vs. 2021 State Notice	2022 State Notice vs. 2022 Budget
Youth Aids Funding	\$34,377,358	\$35,635,231	\$35,473,720	\$1,257,873	\$161,511
Youth Aids AODA	\$447,692	\$447,730	\$447,692	\$38	\$38
Subtotal Youth Aids Revenue	\$34,825,050	\$36,082,961	\$35,921,412	\$1,257,911	\$161,549
Children & Family Aids Allocation	\$6,890,367	\$6,890,367	\$6,890,367	\$0	\$0
Total Youth Aids Revenue	\$41,715,417	\$42,973,328	\$42,811,779	\$1,257,911	\$161,549

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This request aligns with the goal of enhancing the County’s fiscal health and sustainability. The revenues contained in this contract are a significant source of funding for CYFS allowing it to operate programs and services to support youth justice efforts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to execute a 2022 State contract for Community Youth and Family Aids in the amount of \$42,973,328, and any addenda to this contract.

FISCAL EFFECT

The 2022 Community Youth and Family Aids Contract for Milwaukee County of \$42,973,328 represents a net revenue increase of \$161,549 compared to the 2022 Budget of \$42,811,779. A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

The contract is effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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