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From the Interim Director, Department of Office of Strategy, Budget, & Performance, requesting authorization to apply for and accept three Act 12 Innovation Grant Applications and enter into associated service transfer agreements in March of 2026, by recommending adoption of the following:

A REVISED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Innovation Grant Program (the Program), Section 79.038, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), was created by 2023 Wisconsin Act 12 and modified under 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, to generate long-term cost savings for local governments by transferring services; and

WHEREAS, the Program’s purpose aligns with Milwaukee County’s (the County) work across many departments over the past decade to right-size, modernize, and ensure the maximum cost effectiveness for the programs and services it provides; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the annual grant amount is equal to 25 percent of the total costs of providing a given project or service in the calendar year immediately preceding the transfer, as outlined in the individual contract or agreement and referred to as the baseline year; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified three projects or service transfers that meet all Program criteria, all within the service category of “economic development and tourism”; and

WHEREAS, all three projects or service transfers that have been deemed eligible for this opportunity have either been previously approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) or are being presented during the March 2026 County Board meeting cycle, and authorization to apply for and accept Program grant funding does not alter or modify those approved actions in any way; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the grant distributions would be as follows:

Service Transfer 1: The State of Wisconsin (the State) will allocate 100 percent of the award to the County [Transferor]. The County will retain 85 percent of the award and will provide 15 percent of the award to Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Museums, Inc., and the Villa Terrace Museum and Gardens, LLC. [Transferees]. The 15 percent shall be split equally between the two Transferees.

Service Transfer 2: The State will allocate 100 percent of the award to the County [Transferor]. The County will retain 85 percent of the award and will provide 15 percent of the award to Marcus Center for the Performing Arts [Transferee].

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; and

WHEREAS, the Parties are only required to perform their obligations under the individual Agreements if the County is awarded the Program funds, and if the State Department of Administration withholds any payment for any subsequent year covered by any Agreement, the County is relieved of making any payment to Transferee(s) in any such year; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of March 3, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-330 (vote 5-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-330 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Interim Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, to submit State of Wisconsin Innovation Grant Program applications, and the accept the required individual agreements presented in this file not-to-exceed \$895,769, with \$761,402 being retained by Milwaukee County.

Project / Application	Annual Grant Payment	Number of Payments Based on Length of Agreement	Total Grant Payments	Percent Award Retained by the County	Net Grant Payment Amounts Retained by the County
Charles Allis and Villa Terrace Museums, Inc.; Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum	\$72,463	3	\$217,389	85 percent	\$184,779
Marcus Center for the Performing Arts	\$135,676	5	\$678,380	85 percent	\$576,623
	\$208,139	-	\$895,769	-	\$761,402

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