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3 Report from the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting  
4 authorization to enter into purchase of service contracts for the operation of the  
5 Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), by recommending adoption of  
6 the following:

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8 **AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

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10 WHEREAS, Section 46.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances  
11 requires approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) for the  
12 purchase of human services from nongovernmental vendors and therefore, the Interim  
13 Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has requested  
14 authorization to enter into Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Purchase of Service  
15 Contracts with community organizations; and

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17 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) is statutorily and contractually  
18 required to perform this critical service for the residents of our County year-round, with  
19 24-hour access to assistance; and

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21 WHEREAS, funding to support these contracts as well as County staff and  
22 overhead costs is provided by the State of Wisconsin (the State) Home Energy  
23 Assistance Program (WHEAP) contract, and is contingent upon Federal Low-Income  
24 Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding; and

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26 WHEREAS, the contract recommendations are anticipated to be within the limits  
27 of the FFY 2021 State/County contract; and

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29 WHEREAS, funding to support WHEAP is provided by the WHEAP contract,  
30 which was approved by File No. 18-634 for a five-year term, effective October 1, 2018,  
31 through September 30, 2019, with four additional, one-year renewals through  
32 September 30, 2023; and

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34 WHEREAS, the funding level is anticipated to be consistent with prior year base  
35 funding of \$2.7 million, with a final amount to be announced by mid-September, and if  
36 the actual funding is less than anticipated, the agency contracts will be reduced and  
37 DHHS will inform the County Board of this change; and

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39 **WHEREAS, at its meeting on September 17, 2020, the Committee on**  
40 **Finance heard testimony from DHHS staff that the County's anticipated WHEAP**  
41 **revenue of \$2.7 million has been reduced by approximately \$1 million compared**  
42 **to the 2020 contract and reallocated to another entity contracted by the State to**  
43 **process energy assistance applications received online; and**

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45 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 17, 2020,  
46 recommended adoption of File No. 20-633 as amended (vote 7-0); now, therefore,  
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48 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
49 hereby authorizes the Interim Director, Department of Health and Human Services  
50 (DHHS), or her designee, to execute contracts with the following vendors for the term of  
51 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 (October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021), ~~and~~ in  
52 **the following initial amounts not to exceed:**

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54	Community Advocates, Inc.	\$1,421,268
55	United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS), Inc.	<u>\$728,877</u>
56	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,150,145</b>

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60 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Interim Director, DHHS, or her designee, is**  
61 **hereby requested to furnish an informational report to the County Board as soon**  
62 **as practical regarding the unexpected reallocation of State of Wisconsin (the**  
63 **State) Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) funding by the State and its**  
64 **impact, if any, on the residents seeking assistance and the aforementioned**  
65 **contract amounts listed above; and**  
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Interim Director, DHHS, or her designee, is  
68 hereby authorized by the County Board to amend the Community Advocates, Inc., and  
69 UMOS, Inc., contracts due to the receipt of any addenda increasing the WHEAP  
70 contract with DHHS from the Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of  
71 Energy, Housing and Community Resources for the operation of the WHEAP during  
72 FFY 2021.

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