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Request to approve funding structure for CAMPAC allocations beginning in 2026, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory Council (CAMPAC) advises the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) and makes recommendations for awarding grants through the Milwaukee County Fund for the Arts program (the Arts Program); and

WHEREAS, adopted File No. 21-90 approved updated policy guidelines and funding criteria for the Arts Program, in accordance with 2021 Adopted Budget Amendment 1A020; and

WHEREAS, per adopted File No. 25-552, the County Board amended the authorizing resolution to state “members of the Committee on Parks and Culture raised concerns regarding the equity and sustainability of the current ‘one-size-fits-all’ funding model... that the current distribution model shall be deemed null and void upon completion of the 2025 grant allocations... that the new distribution formula shall take into account the track record and performance of each applicant, the size of each arts organization, and its inclusiveness in serving the residents of Milwaukee County”; and

WHEREAS, CAMPAC conducted a community survey to solicit thoughts on the Arts Program funding model and to engage the community in planning for its future; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2026, CAMPAC members attended the meeting of the Committee of Parks and Culture (P&C) to engage the County Board and solicit their thoughts on the Arts Program funding model; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting of March 9, 2026, CAMPAC voted unanimously to recommend a funding scenario that offers larger funding for cornerstone organizations and a tiered structure of support for smaller organizations; and

WHEREAS, P&C, at its meeting of May 26, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-422 (vote 4-2); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the funding model associated with this file that provides funding to qualified arts organizations across four tiers – cornerstone organizations, new and emerging organizations (Tier 1), established arts organizations (Tier 2), and additional support to organizations based on a defined impact (Tier 3); and

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture
46 (DPRC) and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) are authorized to
47 continue collaboration with the Cultural, Artistic, and Musical Programming Advisory
48 Council to finalize impact metrics, and to implement the application and grant making
49 process; and

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DPRC, DAS, and the Office of the Comptroller
52 are authorized to execute any contracts and/or documents necessary to carry out the
53 intent of this resolution.

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