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An action report providing and update on the status of the McGovern Senior Center and requesting \$100,000 from Org. Unit 194-1945 -Appropriate for Contingencies fund planning, design, and cost estimating expenses by the Department of Administrative Services Facilities Management Division as they work with the Department of Health and Human Services for a long-term senior center solution on the Northwest Side of Milwaukee, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the McGovern Senior Center (McGovern), located at 4500 West Custer Avenue, in McGovern Park (the Park), is on the northwest side of the City of Milwaukee (the City), and was originally built in 1974 as a park pavilion, but later converted to a Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, McGovern has experienced multiple flooding incidents and water intrusion events over the years, contributing to mold growth and poor indoor air quality, as documented in Milwaukee County (the County) reports and remediation efforts; and

WHEREAS, previous reports on senior center conditions identified McGovern as having significant deferred maintenance and capital needs, including heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, and structural deficiencies, with immediate and five-year capital requirements exceeding \$3 million; and

WHEREAS, remediation efforts following flooding and mold contamination have proven unsuccessful in restoring safe conditions, leading to the closure of McGovern and reliance on alternative service locations; and

WHEREAS, County seniors on the northwest side of the City are currently underserved and required to travel to other County facilities to access services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) worked closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to conduct an alternatives analysis, considering options to restore the existing facility, open short-term programming spaces, and a long-term programming solution for senior services on the City's northwest side; and

WHEREAS, continued planning and stakeholder engagement are necessary to further vet and prepare for a comprehensive long-term solution for providing senior services on the City's northwest side; and

WHEREAS, based on comprehensive needs analysis and work by DHHS and the Commission on Aging, the County is committed to providing equitable and accessible senior services across our community; and

47 WHEREAS, DAS recommends allocating \$100,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 -  
48 Appropriation for Contingencies, to fund this effort; and

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50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Parks and Culture, at its meeting of March 3,  
51 2026, considered File No. 26-328 for informational purposes only, per Section 59.60(8),  
52 Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes); and

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54 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic  
55 Planning, at its meeting of March 5, 2026, considered File No. 26-328 for informational  
56 purposes only, per Section 59.60(8), State Statutes; and

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58 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 12, 2026,  
59 recommended adoption of File No. 26-328 (vote 6-1); now, therefore,

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61 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
62 hereby authorizes the Office of the Comptroller to transfer \$100,000 from  
63 Org. Unit 1940-1945 - Appropriation for Contingencies, to the Facilities Management  
64 Division, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), to support planning, design, and  
65 cost estimating for a long-term senior center solution on the northwest side of the City of  
66 Milwaukee (the City); and

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68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS shall work with the Department of Health  
69 and Human Services to advance efforts for a long-term solution for providing services  
70 on the northwest side of the City, and will present a clear vision for delivering such  
71 services to the County Board.

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