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A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to execute retroactive professional service agreements with Sojourner Family Peace Center and AMTC & Associates as FORGE Fatherhood grant partners, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Child Support Services (CSS), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), was selected by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – Administration for Children and Families as the lead agency for the Family, Opportunity, Resilience, Grit, Engagement (FORGE Fatherhood) Project Grant (the Grant) in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Grant provides vital job training, educational, and employment services to 1,800 primarily low-income fathers over a five-year period from September 30 2025, through September 29, 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Grant is 100 percent funded by HHS funds with no required match from Milwaukee County (the County); and

WHEREAS, the initial term of the contract would be from September 30, 2025, through September 29, 2026, with the option to extend for each of the four remaining years; and

WHEREAS, the Grant funds services being provided by Sojourner Family Peace Center (Sojourner) and AMTC & Associates (AMTC), for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$118,325 each year over this period; and

WHEREAS, CSS, DHHS, contracted to work with Sojourner to provide annual training on domestic violence, including safety protocols to ensure immediate, appropriate response to domestic violence disclosures, and ensure all program staff are trained to make confidential referrals for services; and

WHEREAS, AMTC is contracted to provide performance measurement and continuous quality improvement services to include the development of a Program Performance Measurement Plan, Data Collection Plan, and other tools to improve programming, monitor ongoing processes, and the progress towards attainment of project goals, outputs, and outcomes of the project; and

WHEREAS, these services will help fathers in the County become more active parents, work to support families and children, help participants to fulfill their obligations of child support, and to support victims and perpetrators of family violence; and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic
47 Planning, at its meeting of March 5, 2026, considered File No. 26-311 for informational
48 purposes only, per Section 59.52(31)(d), Wisconsin State Statutes; and
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50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of March 12, 2026,
51 recommended adoption of File No. 26-311 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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53 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
54 hereby authorize th Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), or her
55 designee, to enter into retroactive Professional Services Agreements with Sojourner
56 Family Peace Center (Sojourner) and AMTC & Associates (in the following amounts to
57 facilitate the Family, Opportunity, Resilience, Grit, Engagement (FORGE Fatherhood)
58 Project Grant (FORGE Fatherhood Grant):
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Service	Provider	Contract Amount
FORGE Fatherhood Performance Measurement/Quality Improvement Services	AMTC	\$112,825
FORGE Fatherhood Training	Sojourner	\$5,500
	Total	\$118,325

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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, due to the timing on the Federal notification of
64 funding award and timely delivery of services specified in the FORGE Fatherhood
65 Grant, the County Board hereby waives Section 56.30 (8) and (9) of the Milwaukee
66 County Code of General Ordinances that requires a contract to be approved prior to
67 services provided; and
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, DHHS, or her designee, is hereby
70 authorized by the County Board to exercise the option to extend the Professional
71 Services Agreements with Sojourner and AMTC to facilitate the FORGE Fatherhood
72 Grant for each of the subsequent year periods as follows:
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- 74 • September 30, 2026, through September 29, 2027
- 75 • September 30, 2027, through September 29, 2028
- 76 • September 30, 2028, through September 29, 2029
- 77 • September 30, 2029, through September 29, 2030

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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in each year, the total not-to-exceed amount shall
82 be \$118,325; and
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84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Director,
85 DHHS, or her designee, to amend the Sojourner and/or AMTC Professional Services
86 Contracts due to performance or lack thereof, ability to take on expected goals or
87 requests by the Federal government for the operation of the FORGE Fatherhood Grant
88 for the term of September 30, 2025, through September 29, 2030; and
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90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller is hereby authorized
91 to pay the providers for services rendered before the 2026 Professional Service
92 Contracts were signed and executed; and
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94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes Corporation
95 Counsel, Risk Management, Department of Administrative Services, and any other
96 Milwaukee County department that may be required to take all actions as required to
97 effectuate the FORGE Fatherhood Grants.
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