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3 From the Office of Equity requesting authorization of \$2,087,500 in ARPA funding for
4 “Community Engagement and Strategic Partnerships to Advance Health, Equity, and
5 Community Resilience” project, by recommending adoption of the following:
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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed
10 into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, in an effort to support individuals,
11 families, businesses, and governments impacted by the Coronavirus Disease
12 pandemic; and
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14 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will receive \$183.7 million in ARPA
15 funding, through the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No.
18 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force (ARPA Task Force) to review and
19 recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for
20 monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”; and
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22 WHEREAS, of the County’s \$183.7 million of ARPA aid, approximately
23 \$7,347,848, has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for fund administration,
24 to coordinate use of ARPA funds for programmatic and fiscal accountability, reporting,
25 and alignment with other funding; and
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27 WHEREAS, in May of 2022, the ARPA Fund Administration Subgroup
28 recommended the Community Engagement and Strategic Partnerships to Advance
29 Health, Equity, and Community Resilience Project receive \$2,087,500 in fund
30 administration based on criteria set forth by the ARPA Task Force; and
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32 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2021, the ARPA Task Force approved a
33 community outreach and engagement framework to involve residents in determining an
34 ARPA funding allocation that is grounded in the County’s vision to achieve racial equity
35 and health, and centers the just and fair inclusion of residents of color, and other
36 vulnerable communities in defining what they need to mitigate pandemic impacts; and
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38 WHEREAS, local governments that have a robust community engagement
39 strategy in place for economic stimulus spending will be able to allocate funding more
40 equitably and with the biggest impact, by better understanding expressed community
41 needs and priorities; garnering support for medium and long-term growth funding
42 strategies; and better measure the impact of their spending decisions; and
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44 WHEREAS, ARPA funding provides a unique opportunity for the County to build
45 a sustainable model for equitable community engagement that centers community
46 health and resilience, and that builds the leadership, organizational, and advocacy
47 capacity of residents and vulnerable communities to be full and equal partners in
48 implementing strategies for pandemic response and recovery; and
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50 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 16, 2022,
51 recommended adoption of File No. 22-709 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,
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53 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
54 authorizes the Community Engagement and Strategic Partnerships to Advance Health,
55 Equity, and Community Resilience Project, supported by American Rescue Plan Act
56 (ARPA) revenue in the amount of \$2,087,500, to the Office of Equity (OOE); and
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58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes OOE to
59 develop and administer the Community Engagement and Strategic Partnerships to
60 Advance Health, Equity, and Community Resilience Project, and enter into Purchase of
61 Service contracts with vendors for community outreach and professional services, for a
62 total amount up to \$550,000 for 2022 through 2024; and
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of
65 Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP), and the Office of the Comptroller
66 (Comptroller) to process administrative appropriation transfers of up to \$2,087,500 to
67 direct funds to OOE for the Community Engagement and Strategic Partnerships to
68 Advance Health, Equity, and Community Resilience Project during the years 2022,
69 2023, and 2024; and
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71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating
72 department, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Office of Corporation
73 Counsel, the Risk Management Division, DAS, Community Business Development
74 Partners, DAS, the Comptroller, OSBP, and County Executive, to prepare, review,
75 approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all actions as
76 required for the purpose of administering the above-referenced projects funded by the
77 ARPA grant allocation framework; and
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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the project
80 operate at an estimated cost of \$337,500 in 2022, and to continue at an estimated full-
81 year cost of \$875,000 in 2023, and \$875,000 in 2024, with ARPA monies that shall be
82 allocated in 2023 and 2024 to the OOE for this project.
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