

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval of an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding request for the Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center Renovation, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will directly receive \$183 million in Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) aid between 2021-2024; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted File No. 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force to review and recommend funding allocations to the County Board for monies received by the County in the Federal ARPA of 2021;” and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative Services (FMD-DAS), and the Economic Development Division (ED-DAS), have been working together for over two years to strategize and plan a relocation of DHHS administrative staff from the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) Mental Health Complex, Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center (Coggs Center) and the Vel R. Phillips Youth and Family Justice Center in support of the DHHS “No Wrong Door” approach to customer service, which is guiding the facility-related decisions; and

WHEREAS, for over a year, DHHS worked with FMD-DAS and ED-DAS staff to identify a leased location to provide for both administrative and customer service functions, however, the estimated costs for the leased locations ranged between \$2 million to \$2.9 million, which posed a significant operating burden and a financial risk to programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the choice to remain at the Coggs Center was viewed as the best option given the building’s long-standing history as a location for providing and receiving community services, alignment to the County’s strategic focus areas, and the DHHS strategic plan, as well as the best financial option to protect programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project also aligns with many of the criterion for community support investments including the following priorities:

- Supports the “No Wrong Door” Philosophy by Co-locating Staff with Youth and Adult Systems of Care;
- Initiates Significant Public and Employee Engagement;
- Project Situated in Close Proximity to Populations Served;
- Addresses Social Determinants of Health including Walkability, Accessibility and Transit Access to Reduce Service Barriers;

47 • Reflects Onetime Investment to Address Backlog of Deferred  
48 Maintenance

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52 WHEREAS, although renovation of the Coggs Center and system improvements  
53 have been requested as part of the five-year capital plan, due to capital bonding limits  
54 and minimal availability of cash financing, this project is unlikely to be realized without  
55 ARPA funds; and

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57 WHEREAS, at its meeting of December 2, 2021, the ARPA Task Force  
58 recommended the allocation of \$32.3 million in funding; and

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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic  
61 Planning, at its meeting of December 8, 2021, recommended adoption of  
62 File No. 21-1110 (vote 3-0); and

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64 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 9, 2021,  
65 recommended adoption of File No. 21-1110 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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67 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
68 hereby authorizes Capital Project WS0126 – Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center  
69 Renovation within the Revenue Loss Recovery Expenditure Category for an emergency  
70 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation of \$32,335,694; and

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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of  
73 Performance, Strategy, and Budget, Department of Administrative Services, working in  
74 conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller, to process an administrative  
75 appropriation transfer to provide Capital Project WS0126 - Marcia P. Coggs Human  
76 Services Center Renovation with \$32,335,694 of expenditure authority with financing  
77 provided from ARPA funding.

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