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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), requesting the transfer of \$300,513 from the unallocated contingency for the purpose of meeting match requirements related to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Older Americans Act funding for aging services, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Title III of the Older Americans Act (OAA) provides for grants to State and area agencies on aging to stimulate the development of comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems resulting in a continuum of services for older adults and, per Federal regulations, OAA funding must be spent on services that assist older adults with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to people of color; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which provided states with over \$1.4 billion in OAA funding to allocate to local area agencies on aging; and

WHEREAS, through its ARPA allocation, the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Health Services (DHS) has allocated \$2,051,430 in OAA funding (with a required match of \$300,513) to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2022, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) authorized DHHS to contract with the State, and to accept \$2,051,430 in OAA funds as provided through ARPA (Public Law No: 117-2); and

WHEREAS, DHHS is currently working with its existing vendor partners and other potential vendors to explore to what extent match requirements can be contributed by these organizations; and

WHEREAS, most of the vendors that are currently contracted to provide aging services, as well as some potential vendors that DHHS is recruiting to spend down ARPA/OAA dollars, are small nonprofit or private sector organizations that may not be able to contribute any match; and

WHEREAS, the ability to utilize contingency funding to cover the required match would enable DHHS staff to recruit a diverse array of organizations with which to partner to spend down its ARPA/OAA allocation; and

WHEREAS, DHHS staff is working collaboratively with the Commission on Aging and older adults in the County, to determine the best use of the OAA dollars provided through the ARPA legislation; and

47 WHEREAS, DHHS staff and the Commission on Aging is using its 2022-2024
48 Area Aging Plan as a starting point for discussions on the best use of ARPA/OAA
49 dollars; and

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51 WHEREAS, per Section 53.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General
52 Ordinances, where applicable, some contract recommendations from the Commission
53 on Aging that utilize ARPA/OAA funding may need to be submitted to the County Board
54 for review and approval; and

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56 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 16, 2022,
57 recommended adoption of File No. 22-681 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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59 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes and
60 directs the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance and the Office of the
61 Comptroller to transfer funds in the amount of \$300,513 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 -
62 Appropriation for Contingencies to Aging and Disability Services, Department of Health
63 and Human Services, for the purpose of meeting match requirements related to
64 American Rescue Plan Act Older Americans Act funding for aging services.

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