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From the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), requesting retroactive authorization to accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project (2017) in the amount of \$80,000, effective January 1, 2019, and continuing for two future years if the HOC is successful in winning future grants, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Justice Programs Section, has made funds available to local jurisdictions in Wisconsin to support four-year pilot projects to develop a model of jail reentry designed to prevent recidivism, ensure individuals have a plan for housing, health care, employment, and training, and benefits and/or other services so they can successfully reintegrate and become part of the community upon release; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the four-year pilot is to develop a model that can be tested and evaluated to determine effectiveness to potentially lead to replication in other counties; and

WHEREAS, year two in this four-year reentry pilot project will afford the House of Correction (HOC) the opportunity to establish the same level of integrity in its reentry services at the point of release as well as post return; and

WHEREAS, currently, inmates are encouraged to connect to a variety of service providers when they are released, and these providers have pledged to provide the supports and connections returning citizens need to experience a smooth transition back to the community, but the process for making these connections is informal and not yet clearly articulated in a reentry plan because the process has not been institutionalized, therefore returning citizens often do not have their critical risk factors intentionally addressed; and

WHEREAS, year two of this four-year pilot project will extend all of the established cross-systems planning to include deeper and more intentional reentry planning both within various departments of Milwaukee County (the County) as well as among the HOC's vast network of community partners; and

WHEREAS, individuals selected for enrollment in the program will benefit from the existing network of services and providers while they are incarcerated, as well as from a clearly articulated and highly individualized reentry plan and network of service providers that connect returning citizens to the specific resources and services needed to successfully transition back to the community; and

45 WHEREAS, the HOC anticipateS these services to include things such as
46 housing, health insurance, mental health/substance abuse counseling, employment
47 services, and family reunification supports to name a few; and
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49 WHEREAS, the grant does not require a local match; and
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51 WHEREAS, the application submission deadline was December 6, 2018, and as
52 of the date of this writing the DOJ has not notified the HOC if the grant was awarded,
53 but the HOC was named in the announcement to continue the pilot program, so the
54 HOC anticipates that the HOC will be awarded the grant with a preliminary approved
55 award amount of \$80,000; and
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57 WHEREAS, the County will be the fiscal agent for the grant; and
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59 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of February 1,
60 2019, recommended adoption of File No. 19-58 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,
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62 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
63 hereby authorizes the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), to retroactively
64 accept funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Jail
65 Reentry Pilot Site Project (2017) in the amount of \$80,000, effective January 1, 2019,
66 and continuing for two future years if the HOC is successful in winning future grants;
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the
70 Superintendent, HOC, to accept future funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice
71 Assistance Grant Program Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project for years three and four if the
72 HOC is awarded the same grant in future years.
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