

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: August 15, 2025

Original Fiscal Note ☒

Substitute Fiscal Note ☐

SUBJECT: From the Economic Development Director, Department of Administrative Services requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement a Grant for a maximum amount of \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for the ongoing implementation of Milwaukee County's Building Bridges Small Business Grant program to help local small businesses acquire and expand their real estate footprint throughout Milwaukee County.

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact

<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget

<input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget

<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues

<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures

<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues

<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues

<input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	0	\$250,000
	Revenue	0	\$250,000
	Net Cost	0	0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated. ¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
 - A. The Economic Development Director is requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement a Grant for a maximum amount of \$250,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation for the creation of a Bridge Building Small Business Grant to help local small businesses acquire a real estate footprint in their communities. Grants of \$10,000 would be provided as reimbursement grants to winning small businesses. If awarded, funds would be both received and distributed in 2026.
 - B. There would be a net 0 fiscal impact from this project. If the County is awarded the funds, up to \$250,000 would be provided to the County by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation under the expectation that 100% of those funds be provided to small businesses in the form of small business grants.
 - C. This would be a net cost of \$0 to the county, other than staff time needed to monitor the project and process grant requests.
 - D. None.

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Authorized Signature Celia Benton

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? ☒ Yes ☐ No

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

Did CBDP Review?² ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Required