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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), seeking approval of eligibility criteria for the Landlord Incentives to Foster Tenancy (LIFT) pilot program and a fiscal agent contract to administer the funds, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Housing Authority is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to administer many of its rent assistance programs serving low-income and homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, rent assistance programs are designed to help low-income and unhoused families and individuals with financial assistance for decent, safe, and sanitary housing provided by private owners and rental agents; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted File No. 24-268 authorizing and allocating \$356,355 from Agency 194-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies, to Agency 800 - Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to create the Landlord Incentives to Foster Tenancy (LIFT) pilot program, and called upon DHHS and all other relevant departments to develop sound processes and eligibility criteria for landlords to apply for LIFT funds, and present those recommendations to the County Board for review and approval by the June 2024 cycle or sooner; and

WHEREAS, the LIFT criteria being recommended by Housing Services (Housing), DHHS, for landlords requires an active membership agreement, compliance with said membership agreement, and ability to enter a Housing Assistance Payments contract with Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Assistance Payments contract applies only to tenancies supported by active Housing, DHHS's, Continuum of Care and Housing Choice Voucher rent assistance program participants; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning, at its meeting of June 6, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-526 (vote 4-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 13, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-526 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

43 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
44 supports the specific Landlord Incentives to Foster Tenancy (LIFT) pilot program
45 eligibility criteria identified in the report and hereto attached to the file; and
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47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes a fiscal agent
48 contract with Community Advocates for \$356,355, for administration of the landlord
49 payments as part of the LIFT pilot program, for an effective term of July 1, 2024, to
50 December 31, 2024.

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