

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM**

**DATE:** January 30, 2024

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** A resolution allocating \$356,355 from Agency 194-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies to Agency 800 – Department of Health and Human Services to create the “Landlord Incentives to Foster Tenancy” (LIFT) pilot program to help grow the number of Milwaukee County landlords accepting tenant applicants receiving Milwaukee County rent assistance program funds

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact   | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency’s Budget  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency’s Budget   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues  |   |

*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.*

	<b>Expenditure or Revenue Category</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Subsequent Year</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$356,355	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$356,355	\$0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	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. <sup>1</sup> 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. If approved, this resolution would fund a new pilot program in the Department of Health and Human Services called the Landlord Incentives to Foster Tenancy (LIFT) program. This program attempts to alleviate the second-most common concern about accepting rent assistance regarding physical damages to the rental unit that results in rent assistance payments being withheld due to a failed inspection as a result of tenant damage. The figure comes from a presentation by the Milwaukee County Housing administrator and the Senior Real Estate Project Manager. Staff estimates with these funds they will be able to repair at least 100 households. Staff are being directed to develop processes and eligibility criteria for landlords to apply for the pilot program and present the recommendations by the June 2024 cycle or sooner.
  - B. This resolution directs the Office of the Comptroller and the Department of Administrative Services to process an administrative transfer to establish a new housing pilot program in DHHS. If approved, this project would be paid for utilizing unexpended funds from Agency 194-1945 Appropriation for Contingencies budget.
  - C. This resolution authorizes an administrative transfer of \$356,355 from Agency 194-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to Agency 800 – Department of Health and Human Services. To the extent that funds from the Appropriation for Contingencies are expended, it either reduces the County’s year-end surplus or increases its deficit.
  - D. No assumptions or interpretations were made.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Community Business Development Partners’ review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

Did CBDP Review?<sup>2</sup>  Yes  No  Not Required