

From the Chief Judge and Department of Pretrial Services, requesting authorization to enter into a contract with the Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation to support the Courthouse Navigator Program with funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Safety and Justice Challenge is a competitive grant process to address the communities' use of incarceration; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 2021, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted File No. 21-77, which authorized the Chief Judge, First Judicial District, Combined Court Related Operations (Chief Judge), to accept the Safety and Justice Challenge Phase IV Sustainability Grant (Phase IV Grant) from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (MacArthur Foundation) (#20-1907-154112-CJ); and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2023, the County Board adopted File No. 23-339, which authorized the Chief Judge to accept the Safety and Justice Challenge Capstone Grant (Capstone Grant) from the MacArthur Foundation for strategic planning, community engagement, racial and ethnic disparities work, and to memorialize the efforts of the Safety and Justice Challenge (22-2004-154606-CJ); and

WHEREAS, the MacArthur Foundation granted Milwaukee County a no-cost extension to use remaining funds in the Phase IV and Capstone Grants to support existing community engagement work through September 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Phase IV and Capstone applications included funding for community engagement, such as the Courthouse Navigator Program (the Program), which was previously funded by AmeriCorps prior to losing their program funding for the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 11, 2025, recommended adoption of File No. 25-548 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorize the Chief Judge, First Judicial District, Combined Court Related Operations, and Pretrial Services, to enter into a contract with the Milwaukee Bar Association Foundation (the Foundation) for the Courthouse Navigators Program (the Program) in an amount not-to-exceed \$22,680 for a one-year period, effective September 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026; and

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance
46 and the Office of the Comptroller are authorized to recognize \$22,680 in John D. and
47 Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (MacArthur Foundation) grant dollars, to execute a
48 contract with the MacArthur Foundation to provide for the Program described herein.

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