

1 Supervisor Nicholson, Chairperson,  
2 By the Committee of the Whole reporting on:

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4 File No. 20-360

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6 A resolution by the Committee of the Whole relating to an informational report update  
7 regarding the \$62 million anticipated allocation from the Federal government in  
8 response to COVID-19

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County government and its citizens have been severely  
13 harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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15 WHEREAS, many revenue-generating operations for Milwaukee County have  
16 been closed for weeks and could continue to be closed for weeks or months; and

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18 WHEREAS, several Milwaukee County facilities and operations have been  
19 impacted including:

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  - 22 • Milwaukee County Parks facilities, rentals and concessions, including, but  
23 not limited to, the Mitchell Park Domes, Boerner Botanical Gardens, golf  
24 courses, disc golf courses, dog parks, and community centers
  - 25 • the Milwaukee County Zoo
  - 26 • reduction of operational hours of the Milwaukee County Transit System,  
27 loss of revenue due to less transit riders because of telework and “stay at  
28 home” orders, and elimination of fares to protect the public and transit  
29 workers

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32 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Office of the Comptroller has advised that the  
33 following additional areas are anticipated to be impacted by the crisis:

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  - 36 • Property Tax revenue
  - 37 • Sales Tax revenue
  - 38 • Fringe benefits
  - 39 • Other revenues (e.g. Potawatomi and/or investment earnings)
  - 40 • Other Federal and State matching and reimbursement revenues

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43 WHEREAS, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act  
44 (the “CARES Act”), the Coronavirus Relief Fund (the “fund”) for State, Territorial, Local,  
45 and Tribal Governments was created containing \$150 billion, from which Milwaukee  
46 County received \$62,044,048, deposited on April 20, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the fund can be used to cover costs that:

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020

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WHEREAS, the fund cannot be used to cover the costs of:

1. expenses for the State share of Medicaid
2. damages covered by insurance
3. payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
4. expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program
5. reimbursement to donors for donated items or services
6. workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
7. severance pay
8. legal settlements

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WHEREAS, recipients of the fund do not need to submit any proposed expenditures to the United States Department of the Treasury for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, according to Wisconsin State Statute and the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, has a role in the distribution and allocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1.11 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances states that the Committee on Finance and Audit of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors “shall be to have charge of...policy matters having a fiscal effect outside the current budget” and “other financial matters of concern to the county”; and

WHEREAS, it is the purview of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to review and approve the disbursement and allocation of Milwaukee County’s funds; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Milwaukee County is committed to mitigating, however possible, the extent of the economic disruption caused by COVID-19 to its citizens and employees; and

93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
94 hereby authorizes the receipt of \$62,044,048 in CARES Act funding provided by the  
95 Federal government and requests that the Office of the Comptroller shall secure the  
96 funds in a designated account to ensure they are segregated from other funds; and  
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98 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
99 hereby requests that the Office of the County Executive prepare and develop a plan for  
100 the appropriation of the \$62,044,048 million received from the Federal government in  
101 response to COVID-19; and  
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103 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the plan shall reflect Milwaukee County's  
104 commitment to safely keeping citizens and employees working, stimulating the local  
105 economy, and adherence to public health guidelines; and  
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107 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the plan shall be submitted to the Milwaukee  
108 County Board of Supervisors for review and approval before funds are committed or  
109 allocated.