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Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend purchase of service contracts for the operation of the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), by recommending adoption of the following:

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## A RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Section 46.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances requires approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) for the purchase of human services from nongovernmental vendors; and

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WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), has requested authorization to enter into Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Purchase of Service Contracts with community organizations; and

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WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) is statutorily and contractually required to perform this critical service for the residents of our county year-round, with 24-hour access to assistance; and

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WHEREAS, funding to support these contracts as well as County staff and overhead costs is provided by the State of Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) contract, and is contingent upon the Federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program funding; and

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WHEREAS, funding to support the County Energy Assistance Program is provided by the WHEAP contract, which was approved under File No. 18-634 for a fiveyear term, effective October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, with four additional, one-year renewals through September 30, 2023; and

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WHEREAS, in September, DHHS submitted File No. 20-633, seeking approval of contracts with United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc. (UMOS), and Community Advocates, Inc., to operate the Energy Assistance Program, and subsequent to the submittal of this file DHHS was notified by the State Department of Administration of a reduction of just over \$1 million in the County's FFY 2021 contract allocation, compared to FFY 2020, and as a result, at its meeting on Sept. 24, 2020, the County Board passed an amendment approving the contracts in the following initial not-to-exceed amounts:

\$728,877

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\$1,421,268 Community Advocates: **UMOS** \$2,150,145

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WHEREAS, following the County Board's action, the State notified DHHS on Sept. 29, 2020, that an error had occurred in the calculation of the County's FFY 2021 funding allocation, and the correction provides an increase of \$659,631, from \$1,923,621 to \$2,583,252, to the FFY 2021 contract; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of October 30, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-756 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), or her designee, to execute amendments to contracts with the following vendors for the term of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 (October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021) and in the following amounts:

Provider	2020 Initial Contract (File No. 20-633)	Proposed Amendment	2020 Adjusted Contract
Community Advocates, Inc.	\$1,421,268	\$94,026	\$1,515,294
United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc. (UMOS)	\$728,877	\$54,123	\$783,000
Subtotal	\$2,150,145	\$148,149	\$2,298,294

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, DHHS, or her designee, is hereby authorized by the County Board to amend the Community Advocates, Inc., and UMOS, contracts due to the receipt of any addenda increasing the State of Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) contract with DHHS, from the Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources, for the operation of WHEAP during FFY 2021.

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