

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: 10/23/2024

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Amos Morris, Executive Zoo Director

Subject: From the Executive Zoo Director reporting on co-funding Capital Improvement Projects for 2024

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**REQUEST**

The 2024 Milwaukee County Zoo Budget included the following language: “A new policy pertaining to future capital improvement projects at Milwaukee County established an overall goal for capital expenditures in a given fiscal year to receive co-funding through private fundraising or grant awards of no less than 50% of total capital expenditures. The Zoological Department is asked to report on the co-funding performance annually.”

**POLICY**

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	2024 Budget
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	WZ014012 - Adventure Africa: Rhinos Construction

**BACKGROUND**

The 2024 Budget included funding for Adventure Africa Phase 3 Rhinos. Below is a table that shows the cost and privately raised funds for the project.

<b>2024 Zoo Capital Projects</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>County Funds</b>	<b>Private Funds</b>
Adventure Africa-Rhinos Construction WZ014101	\$22,459,691	\$15,738,746	\$7,000,165

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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