

From the Director Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, providing an update on the use of Milwaukee County’s 2020 CARES allocation from the Federal government, and requesting authorization to realign expenditures within the fund in order to maximize community usage and benefit, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Evers declared a public health emergency in response to local cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) across the State of Wisconsin (the State), and as of October 28, 2020, there have been almost 42,762 confirmed cases in Milwaukee County (the County) to-date, with 583 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to be proactive to contain the spread of COVID-19, and to provide economic support to individuals and businesses impacted by the virus, and has received Federal and State funding to help in those efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board), at its meeting of May 14, 2020, adopted File No. 20-360, which authorized the receipt of \$62,044,048 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds, and requested the County Executive to develop a plan for the appropriation of the funds to be reviewed and approved by the County Board; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, Governor Evers announced the “Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants” Program, which provides an additional \$15,384,444 in CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds to the County; and

WHEREAS, the County’s total allocation of CARES Act funding is \$77,428,492, including \$62,044,048 received from the Federal government, and an additional allocation of \$15,384,444 from the State; and

WHEREAS, the County Board, at its meeting of July 23, 2020, adopted File No. 20-557, which provided an allocation framework for planned spending against the overall \$77,428,492 grant award; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), with oversight by the Office of the Comptroller, are authorized and directed to provide monthly reports to the County Board detailing departmental expenses that have been charged to the COVID-19 grant fund; and

WHEREAS, DAS will report expenditures that have been incurred, and which are recommended to be charged against the CARES Act for review and approval; and

47 WHEREAS, grant funding (Federal/State/Other) is available to help offset the
48 COVID-19 costs incurred by the County; and

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50 WHEREAS, the report hereto attached to this file provides updates and proposes
51 revisions to the \$77,428,492 grant award allocations; and

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53 **WHEREAS, after reconciling the CARES Act funding received by the**
54 **County, there may be a potential surplus in County tax levy supported operations**
55 **as a result of the fiscal measures implemented earlier in 2020 including, but not**
56 **limited to, employee furloughs and hiring and purchasing freezes; and**

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58 **WHEREAS, there may be opportunities to use projected surplus funds for**
59 **one-time use purposes that promote ongoing efficiencies and help address the**
60 **health and economic recovery of our community; and**

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62 WHEREAS, DAS will continue to provide expenditure reports and spending
63 updates on a monthly basis; and

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65 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance-Budget, at its meeting of November 4,
66 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-809 as amended (vote 7-0); now,
67 therefore,

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69 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
70 authorizes the revised \$77,428,492 allocation framework outlined in File No. 20-809,
71 which includes \$25.1 million for life safety expenditures pertaining to coronavirus
72 disease (COVID-19), \$12.6 million for emergency operating costs related to COVID-19,
73 \$39.6 million for economic support, and public health programs; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the allocation for economic support and
76 public health programs, the County Board authorizes a revised spending allocation of
77 \$15,000,000 for eviction prevention programs aimed to prevent homelessness; and

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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the allocation for economic support and
80 public health programs, the County Board authorizes a revised spending allocation of
81 \$12,000,000 for small business grants to reimburse the costs of business interruptions
82 caused by closures and economic impacts of COVID-19; and

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84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the allocation for economic support and
85 public health programs, the County Board authorizes a spending allocation of
86 \$1,800,000 for operational and logistical support to Food Network providers; and

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88 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the allocation for economic support and
89 public health programs, the County Board authorizes a potential allocation of up to
90 \$700,000 for arts and cultural organizations, which have been adversely impacted by
91 the pandemic; and

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93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administration (DAS), and the
94 Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture will develop a formal method for
95 distribution of arts and cultural funding for County Executive approval, prior to a
96 distribution of arts and cultural funds; and
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98 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget
99 (OPSB), DAS, and the Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller) are authorized and
100 directed to provide administrative appropriation transfers pertaining to the \$77,428,492
101 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant as outlined in File
102 No. 20-809; and
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104 **BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, OPSB-DAS and the Comptroller shall explore**
105 **the possibility of using a portion of any projected surplus County funds for one-**
106 **time use expenditures to achieve efficiencies and/or deliver crucial services; and**
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108 **BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, a report shall be provided to the County Board**
109 **for the December 2020 cycle providing information as to the likelihood of surplus**
110 **tax levy funds, and outlining potential options for the strategic use of one-time**
111 **use allocations for review and approval; and**
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113 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating
114 department, DAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management Division,
115 Community Business Development Partners, Comptroller, and County Executive, to
116 prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all
117 actions as required for the purpose of administering the above-referenced programs
118 funded by the \$77.4 million CARES Act grant allocation framework; and
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120 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS shall provide monthly reports to the County
121 Board detailing expenses charged to the COVID-19 grant funds, as well as updates on
122 the programs funded with these monies.
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