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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a contract with the State of Wisconsin and to accept \$2,051,430 in Older Americans Act funds as provided through the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Public Law No: 117-2, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Title III of the Older Americans Act (the Act) provides for grants to state and area agencies on aging, to stimulate the development of comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems resulting in a continuum of services for older adults and, per Federal regulations, Act funding must be spent on services that assist older adults with the greatest economic and social need with particular attention to People of Color; and

WHEREAS, in March 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which provided states with over \$1.4 billion in Act funding to allocate to local area agencies on aging; and

WHEREAS, through its ARPA allocation, the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services has allocated \$2,051,430 in OAA funding, with a required match of \$300,513, to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and

WHEREAS, DHHS staff will work collaboratively with the Commission on Aging and older adults in Milwaukee County to determine the best use of Act dollars, provided through the ARPA legislation; and

WHEREAS, DHHS staff and the Commission on Aging will utilize its 2022-2024 Area Aging Plan as a starting point for discussions on the best use of ARPA/Act dollars; and

WHEREAS, per Section 53.09 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, any contract recommendations from the Commission on Aging that utilize ARPA/Act funding will be submitted to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 27, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-144 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

42 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)  
43 hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), or  
44 her designee, to execute a contract with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health  
45 Services for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022, and to accept  
46 \$2,051,430 in Older Americans Act funding as provided through the American Rescue  
47 Act Plan, for the purpose of providing services for Milwaukee County's (the County)  
48 most socially isolated and economically at-risk older adults, with the focus on People of  
49 Color in order to support the racial equity goals of the County; and

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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DHHS will submit a recommendation on satisfying  
52 the match requirement of \$300,513 at the time a spending plan and provider contract  
53 recommendations are submitted to the County Board for review and approval.

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