

Report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to sign Cooperation Agreements for years 2027, 2028 and 2029 designating Milwaukee County as an Urban County to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S) Congress enacted the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383) as amended (the Act), providing Federal assistance for the support of community development activities, which are directed toward the specific objectives identified in Section 101 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress also enacted the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (Public Law 100-625) as amended (NAHA), providing Federal assistance for, among other things, the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), which is intended to increase the number of families served with decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, and to expand the long-term supply of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Act makes possible the allocation of funds to Milwaukee County (the County) for the purpose of undertaking only community development program activities identified in Section 105 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, NAHA makes possible the allocation of funds to the County for the purpose of undertaking housing programs identified in Section 211 of NAHA; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to apply to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funds authorized under the Act and NAHA; and

WHEREAS, the Act recognized that municipalities may enter into Cooperation Agreements with the County, in order to undertake housing and community development activities as authorized in Section 105 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the County and municipalities have determined that joint action is an effective way to accomplish the purposes of the Act and NAHA; and

WHEREAS, counties in Wisconsin (the State), pursuant to Section 59.01, Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes), and municipalities in the State, pursuant to Section 66.0301, State Statutes, have the necessary authority to enter into contracts of the type herein contemplated; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Cooperation Agreement is to establish the mutual desire to cooperate, to undertake, or to assist in undertaking community renewal and lower-income housing assistance activities, by means of submitting a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for both HUD Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) as an Urban County from Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2027, 2028, and 2029 appropriations, and from any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds; and HUD HOME funds from appropriations in the same three FFYs, and from any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Community, Environment, and Economic Development, at its meeting of June 15, 2026, recommended adoption of File No. 26-475 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or, her designee, to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with each of the 16 municipalities to establish the mutual desire to cooperate, to undertake, or assist in undertaking community renewal and lower-income housing assistance activities, by means of submitting a Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for both the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds, as an Urban County from Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2027, 2028, and 2029 appropriations, and from any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds, and HUD HOME funds from appropriations in the same three FFYs, and from any program income generated from the expenditure of such funds.

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