

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE : June 25, 2020

TO : Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson., Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors

FROM : Joe Lamers, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget

SUBJECT : 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding from the Department of Justice (DOJ)

**REQUEST**

Retroactive approval to apply for, and accept, the 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental funds for the Federal Fiscal Year 2020; and to create a new trust fund.

**BACKGROUND**

2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding is a new solicitation as a result of the worldwide issue of COVID-19. The solicitation for \$58,008 was posted March 30<sup>th</sup> on the Bureau of Justice Assistance website through the DOJ. The close date for completed applications was May 29<sup>th</sup>. Milwaukee County turned in its completed application on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Coronavirus Emergency funds will provide funding to assist eligible states, local units of government, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the Coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses, and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.

The County has included in its application the following projects totaling \$58,008:

- Twelve Plexiglass safety partitions used for personal and guest safety at the Milwaukee County Division of Youth and Family Services - \$4,920
- Two Model 1140 Disinfection Robots used for disinfecting squads, cells, jail spaces etc. without a physical human. The goal is to maximize cleaning efforts while minimizing human contact with regard to the cleaning - \$53,088<sup>1</sup>

This funding is different and is supplemental to the CARES Act funding received by the County to this date.

In order to mitigate the risk of losing grant funding, DAS-PSB submitted the grant application on May 27th, 2020. Then, the public hearing and review of the application will occur at the Finance and Audit Committee on July 16th, 2020.

Milwaukee County has agreed to act as the fiscal agent and administrator for the 2020 Coronavirus Supplemental funding grant.

**Matching Funds Requirement**

The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding grant does not require a local match.

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<sup>1</sup> This is the amount that is being paid for by the grant. The quoted cost of each item is \$44,900 for a total cost of \$89,800. The difference that is not covered by the grant (\$53,088) will need to be covered by County departments (DYFS, HOC, Etc.).

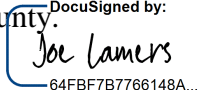
### **Trust Fund Requirement**

Funds from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding program, which are forwarded to the County and pursuant to grant guidelines, must be held in a separate trust account.

### **Recommendation**

In order to strengthen the collective ability of Milwaukee County to combat the Coronavirus, it is recommended that DAS-PSB be retroactively authorized to apply for and accept JAG funds. In addition, a separate trust fund shall be authorized and established to meet grant requirements and to deposit the grant monies that will be forwarded to the

County.  
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