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(ITEM) From the Director of County Economic Development, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement a Community Development Investment Grant in a maximum amount of \$50,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to assist in the development of a Land Use and Water Resource Plan for the area in and around Milwaukee’s Inner Harbor in partnership with Harbor District, Inc., and the City of Milwaukee, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) is the State of Wisconsin’s lead economic development agency focused on sustainable business growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS, WEDC’s Community Development Investment Grant (CDIG) Program is meant to “support urban, small city, and rural community redevelopment efforts by providing financial incentives for shovel-ready projects with emphasis on, but not limited to, downtown community-driven efforts” by providing grants to local municipalities for use on specific projects which “demonstrate significant, measureable benefits in job opportunities, property values and/or leveraged investment by local and private partners”; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Division, Department of Administrative Services, is seeking authorization to apply for a Tier 3 CDIG in a maximum amount of \$50,000 to assist in the planning efforts of Harbor District, Inc., and the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, planning efforts, focusing on the area in and around the Milwaukee Harbor, will include not just a Land Use Plan, but also a Water Resources Plan, Market Study, and Infrastructure Assessment; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the initiative are to restore the land and water, reimagine infrastructure, and craft a comprehensive economic development policy to create a resilient waterfront that strengthens the Milwaukee community; and

WHEREAS, the required 75% local match of \$150,000 shall be satisfied by contributions from the City of Milwaukee and WE Energies; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Economic and Community Development, at its meeting of September 12, 2014, recommended adoption of the Director’s request (vote 5-0); and

45 WHEREAS, the Committee of Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of
46 September 18, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 9-0);
47 now, therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of County Economic Development,
50 Department of Administrative Services (DAS), is hereby authorized to apply for and, if
51 awarded, accept Community Development Investment Grant (CDIG) funds in a
52 maximum amount of \$50,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
53 (WEDC) to assist in funding the planning efforts of Harbor District, Inc.; and
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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if awarded the grant, the Economic
56 Development Division, DAS, is authorized to enter into a CDIG Agreement with WEDC
57 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Harbor District, Inc., and the City of
58 Milwaukee, subject to the approval of Risk Management and Corporation Counsel; and
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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MOU shall include at least the following terms
61 and conditions:
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- 63 (a) Submittal to County of paid itemized invoices for eligible expenses with proof
64 of payment for reimbursement purposes, as required by WEDC.
- 65 (b) Semi-annual performance reporting during the life of the project, with a final
66 report due upon completion, as required by WEDC.
- 67 (c) Indemnification in favor of County in the event of a default entitling WEDC to
68 a return of any grant funds expended.
- 69 (d) Guaranty that County is not responsible for financial obligations of Harbor
70 District, Inc.
- 71 (e) Access to project records during the life of the project and for at least three
72 years thereafter for auditing purposes.
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