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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services requesting approval of \$412,500 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the expansion of UpStart Kitchen, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to support individuals, families, businesses, and governments impacted by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will receive \$183.7 million in ARPA funding, through the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force (ARPA Task Force) to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”; and

WHEREAS, of the County’s \$183.7 million of ARPA aid, approximately \$40,415,339 has been allotted for Community Support projects, to generate project-level allocation recommendations to respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Community Support Subgroup recommended the UpStart Kitchen Project (the Project) receive \$412,500 in Community Support funding based on criteria set forth by the ARPA Task Force; and

WHEREAS, PRISM Economic Development Corporation (PRISM) was founded to bring hope and opportunity by and for the residents of the Sherman Park neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Project serves as an incubator for entrepreneurs who want to start or grow their food-oriented businesses; and

WHEREAS, PRISM is working to develop retail platforms where member-clients of the Project can market their products and gain exposure to new clientele in the office building that is currently leased by the Housing Division (Housing), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), on North 6th Street and West Walnut Street; and

WHEREAS, the Project has been a close partner to Housing, DHHS, by supporting the County’s Housing First Programs; and

46 WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Project served thousands of
47 meals to formerly homeless individuals who had moved into housing but needed additional
48 meal support; and

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50 WHEREAS, Housing, DHHS, intends to partner with the Project to create an
51 employment program for the County's Housing First participants to assist with the
52 operations of the Project's expansion; and

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54 WHEREAS, the ARPA Task Force recommended this project for funding on
55 March 9, 2023 (vote 6-0); and

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57 WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic
58 Planning, at its meeting of April 6, 2023, recommended adoption of File No. 23-470
59 (vote 3-0); and

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61 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of April 13, 2023,
62 recommended adoption of File No. 23-470 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

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64 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
65 authorizes the PRISM Economic Development Corporation UpStart Kitchen Project (the
66 Project), supported by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue in the amount of
67 \$412,500 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and

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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of
70 Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP), and the Office of the Comptroller
71 (Comptroller), to process an administrative appropriation transfer of \$412,500 to direct
72 funds to DHHS for the Project, beginning May 1, 2023, and continuing while ARPA
73 funds remain available for use; and

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75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating
76 department, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Office of Corporation
77 Counsel, the Risk Management Division, DAS, the Office of Economic Inclusion, DAS,
78 Comptroller, OSBP, and County Executive, to prepare, review, approve, and execute all
79 contracts and other documents, and take all actions as required for the purpose of
80 administering the above-referenced project funded by the ARPA grant allocation
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