

Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to allocate anticipated 2020 Community Development Block Grant COVID funding, by recommending adoption of the following:

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds were allocated across Milwaukee County (the County) to rapidly respond to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ; and

WHEREAS, the County received an allocation of \$992,237; and

WHEREAS, CDBG COVID-19 funding allows for more flexibility in the use of funds to encourage immediate use; and

WHEREAS, 20 percent of the total funds can be used for administration; and

WHEREAS, funding can be used to recoup costs for COVID-19 related costs already incurred; and

WHEREAS, the County has partnered with the City of Milwaukee (the City) Health Department to open a COVID-19 isolation facility for those with housing instability; and

WHEREAS, the County has also partnered with the City to place at-risk individuals in hotels to ensure proper isolating environments; and

WHEREAS, the County has historically used CDBG funds to assist with the development of small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC) was formed by 40 local citizens in 1977 to combat racial and economic segregation and discrimination in the housing market and to promote fair housing; and

WHEREAS, MMFHC has distinctive programs respectively focused on fair housing enforcement, outreach and education, fair lending, and inclusive communities; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, has allowed the reallocation of existing Community Housing Development Organization HOME funding to be used for tenant-based rental assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Economic and Community Development, at its meeting of May 18, 2020, recommended adoption File No. 20-353 as amended (vote 5-0); now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), or her designee, to allocate the total anticipated 2020 Community Development Block Grant coronavirus disease (COVID-19) funds to the following projects:

Housing Supportive Services	\$125,000
COVID-19 Facility Expenses	\$193,890
Direct Housing Assistance	\$225,000
Small Business Loans	\$250,000
<u>Milwaukee Metropolitan Fair</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
<u>Housing Council</u>	
Administration (20 percent)	\$198,347 <u>\$183,347</u>
Total Allocation:	\$992,237

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorize the Director, DHHS,
57 or her designee, to reallocate approximately \$198,000 in existing HOME funds from the
58 Community Housing Development Organization set aside to Tenant Based Rental
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