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Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a State/County contract for Community Youth and Family Aids in the amount of \$41,715,418 for 2021, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 301.031, Wisconsin State Statutes, requires counties to execute an annual contract with the State of Wisconsin (the State) Department of Children and Families (DCF) for the “Community Youth and Family Aids Program,” and departments must obtain authorization from the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to enter into a 2021 contract with DCF for the provision of youth justice services mandated by State law, and Milwaukee County (the County) cannot receive 2021 revenue from the State until this contract is signed; and

WHEREAS, the State will provide the County with \$41,715,418 of Youth Aids and Children and Families Allocation (CFA) funding, which is \$457,561 lower than the 2021 Adopted Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Aids allocation is determined by a State formula, which is partly weighted on the number of placements to Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake Schools, as well as the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center; and

WHEREAS, the number of placements of County youth declined by 58 percent to 54 percent, as a proportion of the statewide total over the last three years, which contributes to a reduction in Youth Aids of \$536,684, when comparing the 2021 State contract to the 2020 State contract; and

WHEREAS, as the Average Daily Population (ADP) continues to decline, the County’s share of Youth Aids revenue will commensurately decrease due to a formula that is corrections-based, and does not weight the investment of community-based alternatives; and

WHEREAS, for this reason, long-term fiscal sustainability of youth justice reform necessitates development of new funding models; and

WHEREAS, DHHS will continue to monitor this fiscal issue and update policymakers on the ADP as part of its regular monthly reports on House of Correction placements; and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 10, 2020,
47 recommended adoption of File No. 20-875 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,
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49 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, or
50 her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract reflecting total revenue of
51 \$41,715,418 with the State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families covering
52 Community Youth and Family Aids for the period beginning January 1, 2021, through
53 December 31, 2021, and any addendum thereto.
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