

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: March 18, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive

Subject: Requesting Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing, Accepting, and Appropriating ARPA Funds from the State of Wisconsin for Purposes of Expanding Court Operations, Enhancing Pretrial Services, and Increasing House of Correction Programming.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The County Executive respectfully requests acknowledgment, acceptance, and appropriation of \$15,879,000 in State of Wisconsin ARPA allocation to Milwaukee County primarily to address backlogs in the court system.

BACKGROUND

After extensive negotiation between the Administration and State of Wisconsin, the Governor's office awarded Milwaukee County \$15,879,000 in state American Rescue Plan Act funds. The vast majority of these funds – almost \$15 million – will go directly to the Court system in order for Courts to more efficiently process and resolve the historic backlog in cases resulting from COVID-19. The remaining allocation is earmarked to go to expanding staffing of GPS monitoring programs for individuals awaiting trial, as well expanding employment and vocational preparedness programs at the House of Correction. The full breakdown of funds is as follows:

Expanded Courthouse Operations	\$14,600,000
Night Court Pilot Program	\$119,000
Formalize Mental Health Treatment Court*	\$265,000
Expanded Staffing for GPS Monitoring	\$283,000
HOC Vocational Preparedness Programming	\$612,000

** Pursuant to State Statute, these funds must be allocated to the Mental Health Board (MHB) for their action.*

FISCAL EFFECT

This resolution would acknowledge receipt of and appropriate \$15,8879,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds to the specific programs above. See attached fiscal note.

TERMS

N/A

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Note

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