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**October Board Cycle**

**Milwaukee County Parks**  
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**Date:** September 26, 2019  
**To:** Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks  
**Subject:** **Requesting authorization to execute a fund transfer in the amount of \$65,000 from the Appropriation for Contingency for the purpose of restoring operations to the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center due to an electrical failure – ACTION**

**Issue**

The Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center has suffered a major electrical failure resulting in complete power failure and facility closure.

**Background**

On Friday, September 20, 2019 the high voltage transformer inside the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center experienced a short to one of the cores causing it to fail. This transformer is responsible for transitioning the high voltage electrical service from the utility down to a voltage which can be used for residential and commercial use. Parks trade staff have identified the most expedient and cost-effective repairs and are working feverishly to repair the transformer and return functionality to the facility. A temporary emergency generator is in use at the facility to provide electricity to exterior lighting, the security system and other vital systems.

Milwaukee County Parks has worked to address the root cause of this issue throughout the system by removing high voltage connections within our facilities. Capital Project WP54401 - McCarty Electrical Service Replacement was approved in the 2018 budget to address a similar issue. Parks submitted WP703 - King Skate Shelter Eliminate High Voltage for inclusion in the 2020 capital budget.



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## Recommendation

Milwaukee County Parks recommends the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Office of the Comptroller and Department of Administrative Services to execute a fund transfer for \$65,000 from the Appropriation for Contingency to the Milwaukee County Parks Department for the purpose of repairing the electrical failure at the Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center.

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