

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: November 12, 2021

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

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a 2022 contract with the State of Wisconsin for Social Services and Community Programs

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**REQUEST**

DHHS is seeking approval of its 2022 Social Services and Community Programs (State/County) contract which reflects a total of \$17,193,695 in revenue to support a variety of programs and services across the department. The county cannot receive 2022 revenues from the State until this contract is signed.

**POLICY**

Section 46.031 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires counties to execute an annual contract with the State Department of Health Services (DHS) for "Social Services and Community Programs." The contract, also referred to as Community Aids, provides State and Federal funding for services provided by DHHS to persons with disabilities and their families, older adults as well as those in need of community support and prevention services as mandated by State and/or Federal law.

In addition, under Milwaukee County Ordinance 59.52(31), departments must obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	46.031
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	59.52(31)

## **BACKGROUND**

The single largest revenue source for DHHS are State and Federal funds that are forwarded to the department under the Social Services state contract, commonly referred to as “Community Aids.” Revenues identified in this report fund programs in the Aging and Disabilities Services Division, Behavioral Health Division (BHD) and Housing Division. Revenues related to BHD are approved separately by the Mental Health Board.

DHHS also holds separate contracts with the State Department of Administration for the operation of the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (approved under File 18-634) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) for Youth Aids (also pending in the December cycle).

### ***Community Aids – Basic County Allocation (BCA)***

The Basic County Allocation (BCA) is a type of block grant provided to counties that is not earmarked to serve a specific target population. Counties can determine how much funding to provide to each of the populations eligible to be served with these funds: persons with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, mental health issues and older adults.

The allocation is funded with 81 percent general purpose revenue (GPR), 12 percent Federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), and 7 percent Federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) funds. The preliminary 2022 basic county allocation award level is based on the estimated Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 SSBG award level; the actual award level depends on action by Congress for the FFY 2022 federal budget.

The 2022 DHHS Budget includes \$5,350,309 of BCA for the Aging and Disabilities Services Division and Housing Division. The actual State allocation is \$5,381,228 which is about \$30,919 more than budgeted.

### ***Background on Earmarked Revenue Sources***

The State’s Social Services contract also contains revenue of \$11,812,467 that is earmarked to specific programs. Compared to the 2022 budget, this amount is about \$47,796 higher in the State contract primarily due to increased funding for Alzheimer Caregiver Support and a variety of Title 3 funding increases. The 2021-23 State Budget increased the amount to the Alzheimer’s Family & Caregiver Support Program by \$250,000 Statewide including \$142,247 to Milwaukee County.

The budget anticipates additional CLTS administration funding which is about \$277,000 higher compared to the State contract. The State contract amount is calculated based on activity from 2020. However, the number of children in the program has increased by over 30 percent since that time and the 2022 budget has been adjusted to reflect this level of new cases. DHHS anticipates receiving the amount of CLTS admin revenue contained in its budget. Currently, about 1,560 children are currently enrolled in CLTS.

Please see the attached table which provides an itemization of all of the grants under this

contract.

### **ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This request aligns with the goal of enhancing the County's fiscal health and sustainability. The revenues contained in the Social Services and Community Programs Contract are a significant source of funding for DHHS allowing it to operate programs and services that are vital to our participants.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to execute the 2022 Social Services and Community Programs contract with the State Department of Health Services, and any addenda to this contract.

### **FISCAL EFFECT**

The 2022 State Social Services and Community Programs contract which includes BCA and earmarked revenues totals \$17,193,695 and reflects an increase of \$78,715 compared to the 2022 DHHS Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.

### **TERMS**

The contract is effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

### **VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1 – 2022 State Social Services/Community Aids Revenue Table

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