

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 30, 2021

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

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

Subject: A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to amend a 2022 purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services for housing related services at Thurgood Marshall Apartments

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to amend a 2022 purchase of service contract with Wisconsin Community Services for housing related services at Thurgood Marshall Apartments.

**POLICY**

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services is requesting authorization to amend a purchase of service contract in excess of \$300,000.

Wisconsin State Statutes:		59.52(31)
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**BACKGROUND**

The Milwaukee County Housing Division partnered with Cardinal Capital Management to develop Thurgood Marshall Apartments (TMA) as a part of Milwaukee County's Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in 2015. TMA is a 24-unit apartment building that focuses on the Housing First philosophy as well as the model of harm reduction. The goal of the development is to reduce emergency services for those with addiction issues and provide a very unique housing model that previously did not exist in the State of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) provides on-site supportive service under a purchase of service contract with the Milwaukee County Housing Division. Due to the increase in staffing costs, WCS has requested a slight increase in the contract to ensure proper coverage at the development. The amount of the contract would increase by \$5,000, from \$300,000 to \$305,000.

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Providing housing related services for those who are homeless in Milwaukee County is aligned with determining what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity.

**FISCAL EFFECT**

There is no fiscal effect as sufficient funds are included in the 2022 adopted budget. A fiscal note form is attached.

**TERMS**

This contract runs from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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