

3/24/22 FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS  
 B DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPT OF REVENUE

Action Required

Finance and Audit Committee  
 2/3's County Board

WHEREAS, department requests for transfers within their own accounts have been received by the Department of Administrative Services, Performance, Strategy, and Budget (PSB), and the Director finds that the best interests of Milwaukee County will be served by allowance of such transfers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director, Department of Administrative Services, is hereby authorized to make the following transfers in the 2022 appropriations of the respective listed departments:

1)	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>8000 - Department of Health &amp; Human Services (DHHS)</u>		
44009 – Emerg Rent Asst – Fed Share	\$58,410,244	
75211 – Eviction Prevention		\$58,410,244

This transfer is being requested by the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to reflect an increase in federal Emergency Rental Assistance 1 (ERA1) and ERA 2 funding.

File 21-477 authorized DHHS to accept any eviction prevention allocations from the State of Wisconsin and the federal government to be used for eligible activities under the COVID-19 Relief Bill including rental assistance, rent arrears, utilities, home energy costs, and other eligible expenses.

To date, a total of \$43.3 million in eviction prevention funding has been allocated to the DHHS - Housing Division. Of this amount, \$10.6 million in ERA1 was issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury directly to DHHS and the State of Wisconsin allocated nearly \$32.7 million in Wisconsin ERA1 (WERA1) funding. These funding sources are being used to support a contract with Community Advocates to process applications for Eviction Prevention assistance through its Rental Resource Center as well as issue payments directly to landlords. These funds are close to being depleted.

The DHHS-Housing Division and Community Advocates have continued to monitor the community need throughout this process. As a result, it was determined that additional funding would be required to keep pace with approved applications for rent assistance to avoid unnecessary evictions. Late last year, the Housing Division worked with the State Department of Administration to reallocate \$50 million of funding originally provided to the State by the U.S. Treasury. This reallocation was just recently approved by the U.S. Treasury and funds need to be completely expended by December 31, 2022.

In addition, the U.S. Treasury allocated \$8,410,244 in ERA2 funding to Milwaukee County in 2021. These funds will also be utilized by Community Advocates for rent assistance payments and other housing stability services. The deadline to expend these funds is September 30, 2025.

There is no tax levy impact from this fund transfer.

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2)		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	<u>8000 - Department of Health &amp; Human Services</u>		
	43022 – Children’s LT Support (CLTS)	\$4,000,000	
	74211 – Children’s LT Support (CLTS) DD		\$4,000,000

This transfer is being requested by the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to recognize additional revenue and expenditures in the Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program within Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS).

This program provides supportive services to children with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, or severe emotional disturbances so that they can remain in their homes or community. The service delivery model of this program centers on addressing the needs of the family to create a pathway of independence for their child.

Since 2017, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has worked to reach more families with the CLTS Program by moving from a waitlist to full enrollment. As a result, expenditures and revenues are projected to increase by an additional \$4 million over the 2022 Budget due to additional children being served. The program currently serves 1,729 children which is a net increase of 38 percent from 2020.

This fund transfer would increase the 2022 budget of \$12,400,000 by \$4,000,000 to a total of \$16,400,000 to reflect anticipated actual expenses offset by 100 percent State revenue.

There is no tax levy impact from this fund transfer.

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