

1
2
3 Requesting Adoption of a Resolution Recognizing, Accepting, and Appropriating ARPA
4 Funds from the State of Wisconsin for Purposes of Expanding Court Operations,
5 Enhancing Pretrial Services, and Increasing House of Correction Programming, by
6 recommending adoption of the following:
7

8 **A RESOLUTION**
9

10 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin (the State) announced a plan to send
11 Milwaukee County (the County) much-needed funds to help the County clear the
12 criminal court backlog in District 1 of the Wisconsin State Court System (the Courts),
13 decrease recidivism, and increase pretrial services; and
14

15 WHEREAS, Governor Evers announced on March 14, 2022, an allocation of
16 nearly \$16 million to the County for these purposes; and
17

18 WHEREAS, the vast majority of these funds are earmarked for expanding court
19 operations, including judges, bailiffs, court clerks, lawyers, and other support staff, with
20 additional allocations made to enhance pretrial services and Global Positioning System
21 monitoring, as well additional funding for employment/vocational programs at the House
22 of Correction; and
23

24 WHEREAS, the funding is part of a multi-pronged approach to reduce violence,
25 increase positive outcomes, and mitigate bottlenecks in the criminal justice system,
26 including American Rescue Plan Act allocations from the County, toward prevention
27 programming in the Departments of Health and Human Services and Parks, Recreation,
28 and Culture, and further County investment in State Court operations; and
29

30 WHEREAS, 2013 Wisconsin Act 203 requires the Mental Health Board (MHB) to
31 determine and authorize mental health programs and services, which includes the
32 formalization of a Mental Health Treatment Court included in this file; and
33

34 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its special virtual meeting of
35 March 22, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-476 (vote 5-1); now, therefore,
36

37 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County hereby recognizes and accepts
38 \$15,879,000 in American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funding from the State of Wisconsin;
39 and
40

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance
42 (OSBP), working in conjunction with the Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller), is
43 hereby authorized to process appropriation transfers to recognize and increase
44 revenues and expenditures by \$14,719,000 for Org. Unit 2000 – Combined Court
45 Related Operations, for the purposes of expanding courthouse operations to address
46 the criminal case backlog, and to establish a pilot night court program; and

47
48
49
50
51
52
53
54
55
56
57
58
59
60
61
62
63
64
65
66
67
68
69
70
71

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OSBP, working in conjunction with the Comptroller, is hereby authorized to process appropriation transfers for Org. Unit 2900 – Courts – Pretrial Services, to recognize and increase revenues and expenditures by \$283,000, to expand staffing on pretrial Global Positioning System supervision services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, OSBP, working in conjunction with the Comptroller, is hereby authorized to process appropriation transfers for Org. Unit 4300 - House of Correction, to recognize and increase revenues and expenditures by \$612,000, to create and/or expand employment and vocational preparedness programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors recognizes and awards the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board (MHB) \$265,000 of State-allocated ARPA funds, for eligible mental health programs and services that may be contained in the Behavioral Health Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services, and/or Combined Court Related Operations, and hereby authorizes OSBP, working in conjunction with the Comptroller, to process appropriation transfers consistent with the directives of the MHB.

srb
03/22/2022
S:\Committees\2022\March\FINANCE - Special 032222\Resolutions\22-476 ARPA Funding - Courts & HOC.docx