

A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval of \$2,950,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for justice involved girls and other special populations project, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to support individuals, families, businesses, and governments impacted by the Coronavirus Disease pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will receive \$183.7 million in ARPA funding, through the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors adopted File No. 21-555: "A resolution to create a Task Force (ARPA Task Force) to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021"; and

WHEREAS, of the County's \$183.7 million of ARPA aid, approximately \$36,739,238, has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for Community Support, to generate projects that respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector in the County; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2022, the Community Support Subgroup – Other Social Determinants of Health, recommended \$2,950,000 to support services specifically for girls and other special populations of justice-involved youth, based on criteria set forth by the ARPA Task Force; and

WHEREAS, youth included in the special populations could include youth who are in multiple systems of care (children disability programs, child welfare, youth justice, behavioral health, etc.), and youth who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is specifically designed to target girls (including transgender youth who identify as girls), involved in or at risk of involvement with the youth justice system, a disproportionate number of whom are marginalized, African American girls, and expand resources and opportunities for this historically underserved population; and

WHEREAS, the majority of funds - \$2,250,000 – are allocated to contracted and fee-for-service agreements with service providers to expand community-based and secure-care programming tailored specifically for girls and other special populations (to include, but not limited to transgender youth who identify as girls); and

WHEREAS, remaining funds would finance a participatory budgeting process with the Milwaukee Turners focused specifically on services for at-risk and justice-involved girls (\$400,000), staff attendance at conferences, or site visits to learn about effective strategies to expand gender-responsive services (\$50,000), project management and technology supports for community-based interventions (\$160,000), and youth and family supports to strengthen community engagement and community stabilization initiatives (\$90,000); and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Task Force recommended this project for funding on June 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning, at its meeting of July 13, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-806 (vote 5-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of July 21, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-806 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes the justice-involved girls and other special populations project supported by American Rescue Plan Act revenue, in the amount of \$2,950,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes DHHS, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, DAS, Community Business Development Partners, DAS, Office of the Comptroller, and County Executive to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all actions required for the purpose of providing services specifically for girls and other special populations of justice-involved youth, funded by \$2,950,000, beginning August 1, 2022, through December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and the Office of the Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer of \$2,950,000 to direct funds to DHHS for the project.

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