

Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance requesting \$2M of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the Matching Grant Pilot program, 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 an effort to support individuals, families, businesses, and governments impacted by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) 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 \$115,728,599, has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for Revenue Loss Recovery, to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2022, the Revenue Loss Recovery Subgroup recommended the Matching Grant Pilot Program (the Program) receive \$2 million in Revenue Loss Recovery based on criteria set forth by the ARPA Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Program will provide \$2 million in ARPA aid for matching funds for new competitive grant opportunities, to stimulate grant development across County departments; and

WHEREAS, the Program will remove a common barrier to pursuing new grant funds, and the matching fund reserve will reduce financial strain, and support the programmatic goals of County service areas; and

WHEREAS, the Program will be facilitated by the Project Management Office within the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and will communicate the availability of matching funds to departments, and will continue to provide grant development support; and

WHEREAS, the Program will be measured by documenting the return on matching fund investment, with a goal of the Program to maintain a 75 percent return on matching fund investment; and

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WHEREAS, the ARPA Task Force recommended the Program project for funding on July 14, 2022 (vote 6-0); and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 15, 2022, recommended adoption of File No. 22-905 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) authorizes the Matching Grant Pilot Program (the Program) supported by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) revenue in the amount of \$2,000,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP), and the Office of the Comptroller (the Comptroller) to process an administrative appropriation transfer in the amount of \$2,000,000, to direct funds to the appropriate departmental accounts for the Program beginning October 1, 2022, until December 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating department, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management Division, DAS, Community Business Development Partners, DAS, Comptroller, OSBP, and County Executive, to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all actions as required for the purpose of administering the above-referenced programs funded by the ARPA grant allocation framework.

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