

(ITEM) From the Office of Strategy, Budget & Performance, requesting \$2 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, 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, \$5,500,000, has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for COVID-19 Mitigation to fund COVID-19 mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2022 the COVID-19 Mitigation subgroup recommends the authorization of \$2 million in ARPA Funds for Milwaukee County COVID-19 mitigation strategies within the COVID-19 Mitigation Category; and

WHEREAS, since December 2022, the subgroup has reviewed 24 requests for COVID-19 mitigation funds and approved \$2,157,045 in expenses of the \$2,500,000 COVID-19 Mitigation allocated approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 mitigation funds are requested by department and office leads to purchase personal protective equipment, testing, physical changes to facilities, and other mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS, focusing on internal COVID-19 mitigation improves the County's ability to proactively prepare the county to continue providing services throughout the ongoing pandemic and to stabilize staff needed for pandemic responses in County service areas;

WHEREAS, \$2 million in ARPA funding will ensure that there is continuity of funding for COVID-19 response activities when the allocation of \$2.5 million is fully expended; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA Task Force recommended \$2 million to reduce the ongoing risk of COVID-19 to employees and the people served in Milwaukee County facilities on December 1, 2022 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes COVID-19 mitigation efforts supported by ARPA revenue in the amount of \$2 million to the appropriate departments; and

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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby  
57 authorizes the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance and the Office of the  
58 Comptroller to process an administrative appropriation transfer of \$2 million to direct  
59 funds to the appropriate departmental accounts for the COVID-19 mitigation efforts  
60 starting January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2024; and  
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62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating  
63 department, DAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management Division,  
64 Community Business Development Partners, Comptroller, Office of Strategy, Budget  
65 and Performance and County Executive, to prepare, review, approve, and execute all  
66 contracts and other documents, and take all actions as required for the purpose of  
67 administering the above-referenced programs funded by the American Rescue Plan Act  
68 grant allocation framework; and  
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