

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 30, 2022

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to enter into a 2023 State contract for Community Youth and Family Aids in the amount of \$42,312,287

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

DHHS is seeking approval of its 2023 Community Youth and Family Aids contract which reflects a total of \$42,312,287 in revenue to support programs and services within the Children, Youth and Family Services Division (formerly Division of Youth and Family Services). The county cannot receive 2023 revenues from the State until this contract is signed.

POLICY

Section 301.031 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires counties to execute an annual contract with the State Department of Children and Families (DCF) for the "Community Youth and Family Aids Program." This program provides State funding for County services for justice involved youth as mandated by State and/or Federal law.

In addition, under Milwaukee County Ordinance 59.52(31), departments must obtain authorization from the County Board in order to execute contracts in excess of \$300,000. The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is, therefore, requesting authorization to enter into a 2023 contract with DCF for the provision of youth justice services mandated by State law.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	301.031, 301.26
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	59.52(31)

BACKGROUND

The Community Youth and Family Aids Program, commonly referred to as “Youth Aids,” is the State’s primary means of providing counties with direct assistance to fund the cost of services of youth involved in the youth justice system. This revenue is used to fund costs in DHHS Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS).

Background - Youth Aids Revenue

The base Youth Aids funding amount is predicated on separate allocations contained in Wis. Stat. § 301.26. The original base allocation, which is established on the initial formula for allocations to counties when Youth Aids was created in 1979, includes adjustments that are based on a variety of factors but primarily considers corrections-based metrics such as the number of Juvenile Correctional Institution (JCI) placements. The county’s proportion of placements compared to the Statewide total impacted the amount of revenue for 2023.

Additional Program Funding

Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse (AODA) funding is allocated based on each county’s Youth Aids spending on community services (defined as the amount of Youth Aids left after state charges). In addition, the Children and Families Allocation (CFA) may be used for child abuse and neglect, community-based youth justice services, and other children and families target populations.

2023 Contract

The 2023 State contract reflects a reduction in revenue of \$661,041 compared to the 2022 contract. The contract reduction is due to the Youth Aids formula and the decline in Milwaukee County’s proportion of JCI placements compared to the Statewide total as mentioned previously.

DHHS received an estimated Youth Aids allocation for 2023 earlier in the summer so the 2023 Adopted Budget already incorporates this reduction. As shown in the chart below, the 2023 contract for Milwaukee County of \$42,312,287 represents a net revenue increase of \$104,396 compared to the 2023 Budget of \$42,207,891.

Please see the attached table which provides an itemization of the revenues under this contract.

State Contract/Revenue Source	2022 State Notice	2023 State Notice	2023 Adopted Budget	2023 State Notice vs. 2022 State Notice	2023 State Notice vs. 2023 Budget
Youth Aids Funding	\$35,635,231	\$34,974,190	\$34,869,794	(\$661,041)	\$104,396
Youth Aids AODA	\$447,730	\$447,730	\$447,730	\$0	\$0
Subtotal Youth Aids Revenue	\$36,082,961	\$35,421,920	\$35,317,524	(\$661,041)	\$104,396
Children & Family Aids Allocation	\$6,890,367	\$6,890,367	\$6,890,367	\$0	\$0
Total Youth Aids Revenue	\$42,973,328	\$42,312,287	\$42,207,891	(\$661,041)	\$104,396

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This request aligns with the goal of enhancing the County's fiscal health and sustainability. The revenues contained in this contract are a significant source of funding for CYFS allowing it to operate programs and services to support youth justice efforts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to execute a 2023 State contract for Community Youth and Family Aids in the amount of \$42,312,287 and any addenda to this contract.

FISCAL EFFECT

The 2023 Community Youth and Family Aids Contract for Milwaukee County of \$42,312,287 represents a net revenue increase of \$104,396 compared to the 2023 Budget of \$42,207,891. Similar to previous years, the 2023 contract for Community Youth and Family Aids requires a match amount of \$511,882 which is included in the 2023 Budget. A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

The contract is effective January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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