

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: December 16, 2022

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

From: Sheriff Denita R. Ball, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
Lynn J. Fyhrlund, Director and Chief Information Officer, Information Management Services Division, Department of Administrative Services

Subject: From the Milwaukee County Sheriff, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and Director and Chief Information Officer, Information Management Services Division, Department of Administrative Services (DAS-IMSD), requesting authorization of \$277,980 of Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds to establish an online Sheriff foreclosure sale auction solution project from the \$7.3 million allocated contingency account in Capital Improvement Project WY072601 for digital transformation.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Milwaukee County Sheriff, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and Director and Chief Information Office, Information Management Services Division, Department of Administrative Services (DAS-IMSD), request approval of \$277,980 from the \$7.3 million allocated contingency account in Capital Improvement Project WY072601 for digital transformation to establish an online Sheriff foreclosure sale auction solution project.

POLICY

Milwaukee County Board file 22-106, which established Capital Project WY072601 – Milwaukee County Digital Transformation Initiative with ARPA funding in the amount of \$10,500,000 (\$500,000 for a digital transformation assessment and \$10 million to execute the digital transformation roadmap).

State of Wisconsin Legislation:	WI Act 339 (AB 691, SB 622), 208 (AB 690)
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	WY072601

BACKGROUND

In April 2018, WI Act 339 (AB 691 and SB 622), relating to eligible bidders at mortgage foreclosure sales, and WI Act 208 (AB 690) authorizing counties to conduct foreclosure sales using an Internet-based auction, were enacted. The Milwaukee County Sheriff and the DAS-IMSD Director and Chief Information Officer request to implement a technology solution to process and conduct online foreclosure sale auctions and manage the associated processes and documents. DAS-IMSD's guidance is to proceed with a third-party Real Estate Internet Auction service provider with previous experience in this area. This project will address online postings, posting of sales results, details of the sale, bidder vetting and affidavits, funds collections and disbursements, and court documents including the notice of sale, Sheriff's deed, and report of sale.

If this project had been implemented before the recent COVID-19 pandemic, foreclosure sales

would have still been able to be conducted in a safe environment for all that participate. For the Live auction the current annual cost is 29,083. If an internet-based auction is set up, the saving would be \$26,134.64 annually.

ARPA Funding Allocation to Milwaukee County – WY072601-Milwaukee County Digital Transformation Initiative

Adopted County Board file #22-106 established ARPA funded capital project WY072601-Milwaukee County Digital Transformation Initiative, including \$10,000,000 to effectuate the roadmap of projects. The \$10,000,000 is currently held within the capital project's contingency account and is to be released upon the County Board's review and approval of the projects cited in IMSD's digital transformation assessment plan (plan).

Adopted County Board file #22-977 reallocated \$3,175,665 (from the capital project's contingency) in existing capital project WY072601 – Milwaukee County Digital Transformation Initiative to create four (4) IMSD projects. This adoption left a balance of \$7,324,335 within the capital project.

The 2023 Adopted County Budget (via adopted amendment #4) reallocates a yet to be determined amount (from the project's contingency) to offer translation services, including multilingual captioning services and multilingual meeting notices and agendas. In addition, unallocated funding from this project is also earmarked to develop a Countywide appointment tracking software.¹

2023 Capital Budget Request

As part of the 2023 Capital Budget Request process, 60 projects totaling \$36.8 million in non-bond eligible projects was submitted by departments. Non-bond eligible projects require other means of "cash" financing from the County. The cash financing primarily consists of sales tax and tax levy. Additionally, the County adheres to a capital cash-financing goal of 20% based off the annual Net County Funding Contribution for Capital. The estimated capital cash financing goal for 2023 is just under \$11.5 million. Non-bond eligible projects consistently and significantly outpace the County's cash financing resources.

The Sheriff foreclosure sale posting solution project scored low in the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) listing but is a digital transformation type project.

Related File No's:	22-106, 22-977
Previous Action Dates(s):	February 2, 2022, September 22, 2022

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability

FISCAL EFFECT

There are sufficient funds in the County's ARPA program and the \$10M allocated contingency account

¹ DAS-IMSD and the Office of the County Clerk will provide a report to the County Board by the April 2023 meeting cycle with a status update, which includes cost estimates and a projected timeline for implementation.

²To determine available funding for capital projects, the CIC adheres to the County Bonding Cap and Cash goal policies.

in Capital Improvement Project WY072601 for digital transformation to fund the \$277,980 request. Approval of this action would leave an available balance of \$7,046,355 within Capital Improvement Project WY072601. There is no tax levy impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorization to fund the online Sheriff foreclosure sale auction solution project totaling \$277,980 in ARPA Funds.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

- Sheriff Denita R. Ball, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
- Lynn Fyhrlund – Director and Chief Information Officer, Information Management Services Division, Department of Administrative Services
- Matt Johnson – IT Director Governance and Business Solutions, Information Management Services Division, Department of Administrative Services

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 is the Fiscal Note

Attachment 2 is the Board Resolution

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