

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: February 21, 2023

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

SUBJECT: A resolution appropriating \$1,613,988 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase and forgive approximately \$153 million of Milwaukee County residents' medical debt, supporting approximately 67,000 neighbors-in-need

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues
<input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure	\$1,613,988	\$0
	Revenue	\$1,613,988	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
 - B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated. ¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
 - C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
 - D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
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- A. Approval of this resolution will allocate \$1,613,988 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds granted to Milwaukee County to effectuate a program to help pay and forgive medical debt held by Milwaukee County residents that meet certain eligibility requirements. The expenditure includes \$1,530,000 to sole source contract with RIP Medical Debt and \$83,988 for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide contracting, fiscal oversight, and project management support.
 - B. The direct cost will be \$1,613,988 with the understanding that these costs may be expended over the project period of 2023 through 2026. No additional allocations of funds are anticipated during the project period.
 - C. There are no budgetary impacts as the cost for the initiative is offset with ARPA grant funds and would not impact Milwaukee County's operating budget as they are held separately and will be used exclusively on the medical debt forgiveness program. The administrative costs are estimated to be \$83,988 to provide contracting, fiscal oversight, and project management support and have been reviewed as reasonable by the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance (SBP).
 - D. No assumptions were used.

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

² Community Business Development Partners' review is required on all professional service and public work construction contracts.

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Did SBP Fiscal Staff Review? Yes No

Did CBDP Review?² Yes No Not Required