

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: February 28, 2011

TO: Supervisor Johnny Thomas, Chair, Finance & Audit Committee

FROM: Steve Cady, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, County Board
John Ruggini, Acting Fiscal and Budget Administrator

SUBJECT: Alternative Funding for Office of Sustainability

In the January 2011 Committee cycle the request to create an Office of Sustainability was laid over to the March 2011 cycle and staff was directed to look into alternative funding sources for the Director of this office. The original request was to fund a new position through the Appropriation for Contingencies.

At this time we were unable to identify grant opportunities to fund this position. There are also no other funding sources within the current operating budget given the uncertainty surrounding labor negotiations and the pending State Budget. If the County Board decides to move forward with creating an Office of Sustainability the new position would need to be funded through the Appropriation for Contingencies.

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