

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: April 21, 2023

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

From: Joe Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget & Performance

Subject: From the Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and the Co-Chairpersons, Milwaukee County Commission on Youth, providing an informational report regarding policy and budgetary advisory recommendations, advancing the county's mission of achieving racial equity, and any other matter deemed necessary to **protect and promote the interests of Milwaukee County youth.**

File Type: Informational Report

REQUEST

The first committee meeting of the Youth Commission, the Committee on Governance, Finance, and Evaluation, was held on April 5, 2023. The first meeting of the Committee on Community Engagement and Racial Justice Committee will be held on May 3, 2023. To date, the members of the Youth Commission have received trainings from the Office of the County Clerk on procedure, Robert's Rules of Order, social media, press releases and media advisories, and the Research & Policy Division (Comptroller's Office) on how to draft resolutions and circulate for co-sponsorship.

The Commission has selected an applicant to fill the 16th District vacancy. It has set forth a process to fill its last vacancy (8th District) and select its fifth Adult Advisor with the support of the Office of Strategy, Budget, & Performance. It has voted to request \$50,000 in FY24 for program-related expenses (e.g., youth-focused events, activities, and micro-grants); the Commission does not currently have a discretionary program budget, but the Youth Commissioners receive an hourly stipend of \$12.50, and the Office of Strategy, Budget, & Performance manages the vendor contract with the Commission's operating partner, Urban Underground, as well as equipment/devices and other expenses.

The Commission is currently drafting bylaws with the support of the Research & Policy Division, which are expected to receive a final vote in July of 2023. In the coming months, the Youth Commission will begin to recruit for the 2024 term (as half of the Commissioners' terms will end on January 1, 2024), identify strategies and priorities at the committee level, and participate in planning/organizing events focused on and important to Milwaukee County youth.

All information related to the Milwaukee County Youth Commission is available at

POLICY

This update is being provided pursuant to File 22-662, “To modify Chapter 106 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to reestablish the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth and align its priorities with Milwaukee County’s mission and vision to achieve racial equity...”

In addition, the [2023 Adopted Budget](#) required, “Status updates, reports, and proposed resolutions relative to the work of the Commission on Youth and efforts to collaborate with intergovernmental partners shall be provided for review by the County Board when necessary.” (page 214)

Wisconsin State Statutes:	N/A
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	Chapter 106
Specific Adopted Budget:	2023
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	N/A
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	N/A

BACKGROUND

The resolution to re-establish the Milwaukee County Youth Commission was authored by Chairwoman Nicholson and County Executive David Crowley and co-sponsored by Supervisors Sequanna Taylor, Martin, Clancy, Vincent, and Burgelis. It was passed unanimously by both the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and the Board of Supervisors in May of 2022.

Related File No’s:	23-13
Associated File No’s (Including Transfer Packets):	N/A
Previous Action Date(s):	5/15/22, 5/26/22, 11/28/22, 3/6/23

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The Milwaukee County Youth Commission aligns to the following strategic objectives:

1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
The Youth Commission will increase the diversity of age and life experience at the highest level of Milwaukee County government, providing a valuable perspective that is currently missing from decision-making processes.

1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
The Youth Commission will help to make our legislative process more inclusive, especially since young people under the age of 18 are not allowed to participate in the voting process to choose our elected leaders.

3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

The Youth Commission embodies the diversity of Milwaukee County, bringing together young people who will represent their respective districts, but will get to learn from and interact with their peers from other areas.

FISCAL EFFECT

Costs associated with the implementation of the Milwaukee County Youth Commission have been approved in the 2023 Adopted Budget.

TERMS

N/A

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Milwaukee County Resolution/Ordinance 22-662 Re-establishment of the Youth Commission](#)

[Milwaukee County - Meeting of Committee on Intergovernmental Relations on 5/17/2022 at 1:30 PM \(legistar.com\)](#)

[Milwaukee County - Meeting of Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on 5/26/2022 at 9:30 AM \(legistar.com\)](#)

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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