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Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to reallocate \$1,613,900 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the Reducing Medical Debt project to the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool and Credible Messenger Program projects, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021, in efforts to support individuals, families, businesses, and governments impacted by the Coronavirus Disease pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) will receive \$183.7 million in ARPA funding, through the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) adopted File No. 21-555: “A resolution to create a Task Force (ARPA Task Force) to review and recommend funding allocations to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for monies received by the County in the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021”; and

WHEREAS, of the County’s \$183.7 million of ARPA aid, approximately \$40,415,339 has been recommended by the ARPA Task Force for Community Support projects to generate project-level allocation recommendations to respond to economic harms to workers, families, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector; and

WHEREAS, in March 2023, the County Board approved the 1AR43 - Reducing Medical Debt project to receive \$1,613,900 in Community Support funding; and

WHEREAS, 1AR43 - Reducing Medical Debt project is not continuing due to hospital systems expressing a preference to promote their charity care programs, which would also address medical debt concerns targeted by the ARPA project; and

WHEREAS, in March 2022, the County Board approved File No. 21-861 authorizing 1AR02 - Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool project to receive \$1,500,000 in Community Support funding; and

WHEREAS, in September 2021, the County Board approved File No. 22-418 authorizing 1AR05 - Credible Messenger Program to receive \$1,201,200 in Community Support funding; and

44 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services considered how to
45 repurpose funds in a way that adds to existing ARPA projects likely to fully obligate the
46 funds, while addressing urgent community needs; and
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48 WHEREAS, 1AR02- Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool project is anticipated to
49 house approximately 55 additional unsheltered or housing insecure households, if
50 supplemented through this action; and
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52 WHEREAS, 1AR05 - Credible Messenger Program would implement the
53 Advance Peace Program with fidelity to the evidence-based gun violence reduction
54 model, if supplemented through this action; and
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56 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 14, 2023,
57 recommended adoption of File No. 23-967 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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59 BE IT RRESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County
60 Board) hereby authorizes a reallocation of \$1,613,900 in American Rescue Plan Act
61 (ARPA) funding to add funding to two existing projects, and eliminate funding to one
62 project as outlined in the chart below:
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| ARPA Project | Original Allocation | Proposed Transfer | Adjusted Budget |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1AR43 – Reducing Medical Debt | \$1,613,900 | (\$1,613,900) | \$0 |
| 1AR02 – Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool | \$1,500,000 | \$613,900 | \$2,113,900 |
| 1AR05 – Credible Messenger Program | \$1,201,200 | \$1,000,000 | \$2,201,200 |
| Total: | \$4,315,100 | \$0 | \$4,315,100 |

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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby authorizes the Office of
68 Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP), and the Office of the Comptroller
69 (Comptroller) to process an administrative appropriation transfer reallocating funding
70 from 1AR43 – Reducing Medical Debt to 1AR02 - Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool and
71 1AR05 – Credible Messenger Program, as described in this resolution; and
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73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes allocations in this
74 file, to be carried forward, if necessary, up until December 31, 2026, which is the end
75 date of ARPA funding eligibility, and deadline for expending all ARPA funds; and
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77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating
78 department, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Office of Corporation
79 Counsel, Risk Management Division – DAS, Office of Economic Inclusion - DAS,
80 Comptroller, OSBP, and the County Executive, to prepare, review, approve, and
81 execute all contracts, and other documents, and take all actions as required for the
82 purpose of administering the above-referenced programs funded by the ARPA grant
83 allocation framework.

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