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A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting retroactive authorization to enter into a purchase of service contract with Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council for Housing Mobility Services within Housing Services, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County (the County) Housing Authority is funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) to administer many of its rent assistance programs serving low-income homeless individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, over 50 percent of families who receive Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers through the County’s Housing Authority are residing in high-poverty neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, research shows that families who live in high-opportunity neighborhoods have an increase in better health and financial outcomes than those who do not; and

WHEREAS, to increase the percentage of these families living in high-opportunity neighborhoods, Housing Services, Department of Health and Human Services, applied for, and was awarded funding through the five-year U.S. HUD - Housing Mobility-Related Services Grant, in partnership with the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council (MMFHC); and

WHEREAS, the contract with the MMFHC will cover staffing costs, including administration, case management, and housing navigation services for program participants, and in addition to staffing, MMFHC will provide security deposits, moving assistance, application fees, risk mitigation, and transportation expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of May 16, 2024, recommended adoption of File No. 24-419 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors retroactively authorizes the Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to enter into a Purchase-of-Service Contract with the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council for Housing Mobility Services within Housing Services, DHHS, in the amount of \$232,500, effective April 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024.