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3   (ITEM   ) From the Director of County Economic Development, Department of
4   Administrative Services, requesting authorization to apply for, accept, and implement a
5   Community Development Investment Grant in a maximum amount of $50,000 from the
6   Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to assist in the development of a Land
7   Use and Water Resource Plan for the area in and around Milwaukee's Inner Harbor in
8   partnership with Harbor District, Inc., and the City of Milwaukee, by recommending
9   adoption of the following:
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11   **A RESOLUTION**
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13   WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation ("WEDC") is the
14   State of Wisconsin's lead economic development agency focused on sustainable
15   business growth and job creation; and
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17   WHEREAS, WEDC's Community Development Investment Grant ("CDIG")
18   Program is meant to "support urban, small city, and rural community redevelopment
19   efforts by providing financial incentives for shovel-ready projects with emphasis on, but
20   not limited to, downtown community-driven efforts" by providing grants to local
21   municipalities for use on specific projects which "demonstrate significant, measureable
22   benefits in job opportunities, property values and/or leveraged investment by local and
23   private partners"; and
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25   WHEREAS, the Economic Development Division, Department of Administrative
26   Services, is seeking authorization to apply for a Tier 3 CDIG in a maximum amount of
27    $50,000 to assist in the planning efforts of Harbor District, Inc., and the City of
28   Milwaukee; and
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30   WHEREAS, planning efforts, focusing on the area in and around the Milwaukee
31   Harbor, will include not just a Land Use Plan, but also a Water Resources Plan, Market
32   Study, and Infrastructure Assessment; and
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34   WHEREAS, the goals of the initiative are to restore the land and water,
35   reimagine infrastructure, and craft a comprehensive economic development policy to
36   create a resilient waterfront that strengthens the Milwaukee community; and
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38   WHEREAS, the required 75% local match of $150,000 shall be satisfied by
39   contributions from the City of Milwaukee and WE Energies; and
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41   WHEREAS, the Committee on Economic and Community Development, at its
42   meeting of September 12, 2014, recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote
43   5-0); and
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45   WHEREAS, the Committee of Finance, Personnel, and Audit, at its meeting of
46 September 18, 2014, also recommended adoption of the Director's request (vote 9-0);
47 now, therefore,
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49   BE IT RESOLVED, that the Director of County Economic Development,
50 Department of Administrative Services ("DAS"), is hereby authorized to apply for and, if
51 awarded, accept Community Development Investment Grant ("CDIG") funds in a
52 maximum amount of $50,000 from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
53 ("WEDC") to assist in funding the planning efforts of Harbor District, Inc.; and
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55   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if awarded the grant, the Economic
56 Development Division, DAS, is authorized to enter into a CDIG Agreement with WEDC
57 and a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Harbor District, Inc., and the City of
58 Milwaukee, subject to the approval of Risk Management and Corporation Counsel; and
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60   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MOU shall include at least the following terms
61 and conditions:
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63   (a) Submittal to County of paid itemized invoices for eligible expenses with proof
64   of payment for reimbursement purposes, as required by WEDC.
65   (b) Semi-annual performance reporting during the life of the project, with a final
66   report due upon completion, as required by WEDC.
67   (c) Indemnification in favor of County in the event of a default entitling WEDC to
68   a return of any grant funds expended.
69   (d) Guaranty that County is not responsible for financial obligations of Harbor
70   District, Inc.
71   (e) Access to project records during the life of the project and for at least three
72   years thereafter for auditing purposes.
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