From the Committee on, Reporting on:

File No. 18-176

(Journal,)

(ITEM NO.) From the Superintendent of the House of Correction (HOC), requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Employ Milwaukee to commence the JAG EBDM Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project (2016) from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors accepted the JAG EBDM Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project (2016) from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in File no. 18-131; and

WHEREAS, this grant requires no local match and required the HOC in the application to submit a budget, the HOC in the application and in File no. 18-131 listed Employ Milwaukee as the partner to be the lead connector of services both prior to and post release, and

WHEREAS, this contract will allow Employ Milwaukee to hire a reentry case manager; and

WHEREAS, This reentry pilot project will afford the HOC the opportunity to establish the same level of integrity in its reentry services at the point of release as well as post return, and

WHEREAS, currently inmates are encouraged to connect to a variety of service providers when they are released and these providers have pledged to provide the supports and connections returning citizen need to experience a smooth transition back to the community, and

WHEREAS, the process for making these connections is informal and not yet clearly articulated in a reentry plan, because the process has not been institutionalized, returning citizens often do not have their critical risk factors intentionally addressed; and

WHEREAS, this pilot will extend all of the established cross-systems planning to include deeper and more intentional reentry planning both within various departments of the County as well as among the HOC’s vast network of community partners; Individuals selected for enrollment in the program will benefit from the existing network of services and providers while they are incarcerated as well as from a clearly articulated and highly individualized reentry plan and network of service providers that connects returning citizens to the specific resources and services needed to successfully transition back to the community; and

WHEREAS, the HOC anticipate these services to include things such as housing, health insurance, mental health/substance abuse counseling, employment services, and family reunification supports to name a few.; and

WHEREAS, the HOC is able, and plans to reapply for this grant in future years, and would like to keep Employ Milwaukee as the prime vendor to maintain reentry services throughout the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contract shall begin March 18, 2018, and run through March 17, 2019, for a total of $64,500 per year, with the possibility to renew with four one year extensions, depending upon JAG funding; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Employ Milwaukee for one (1) year, and a total of $64,500 per year, with the ability to renew for four (4) one (1) year extensions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any extensions will only be approved if JAG funds are continued; If JAG funding is not continued, and an alternate funding source is established, then the HOC will ask for approval by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to extend this contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned contract will only be executed after review and approval by CBDP, Corporation Counsel, and Risk Management.