From the Committee on, Reporting on:

File No. 19-58

(Journal,)

(ITEM NO.) From the Superintendent of the House of Correction (HOC), requesting authorization to accept the JAG EBDM Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project (2017) from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ), through its Justice Programs Section has made funds available to local jurisdictions in Wisconsin to support four year pilot projects to develop a model of jail reentry designed to prevent recidivism, ensure individuals have a plan for housing, health care, employment and training, and benefits and/or other services so they can successfully reintegrate and become part of the community upon release; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the four year pilot is to develop a model that can be tested and evaluated to determine the effectiveness, to potentially lead to replication in other counties; and

WHEREAS, year two in this four year 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, but 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, year two of this four year pilot project 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; and

WHEREAS, 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 grant does not require a local match; and

WHEREAS, the application submission deadline was December 6, 2018, as of the date of this writing the DOJ has not notified the HOC if the grant was awarded, but the HOC was named in the announcement to continue the pilot program, so the HOC anticipates that the HOC will be awarded the grant with a preliminary approved award amount of $80,000; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County will be the fiscal agent for the grant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby retroactively accepts the JAG EBDM Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project (2017) from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program as of January 1, 2019;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby accepts future JAG EBDM Jail Reentry Pilot Site Project from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for years three and four if the HOC is awarded the same grant in future years.