Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval of an appropriation transfer of \$550,000 from the allocated contingency to DHHS and execution of a fiscal agent contract for the Milwaukee County Lead Remediation Low Interest Loan Program, by recommending adoption of the following:

A REVISED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a 2020 budget amendment (File No. 19-805) was adopted by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, creating a new lead remediation program in the Housing Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); and

WHEREAS, the budget amendment recommended an appropriation transfer of \$550,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 – Appropriation for Contingencies to DHHS, to allow any Milwaukee County (the County) resident, regardless of income, to have access to a low interest revolving loan program for the sole purpose of lead abatement; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Adopted Budget also stipulated that 10 percent of the funds would go towards the administration of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Division has experience running lead remediation programs through its existing Home Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, the County Lead Remediation Low Interest Loan Program will follow the main tenets of the original policies and procedures of the Home Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Remediation Program will target households at or below 125 percent of area median income and serve any municipality within the County, including the City of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, loans will carry a three percent compounded interest rate where repayment of funds will go towards the sustainability of the program; and

WHEREAS, loans must pass through the Housing Division's existing Loan Committee, where the committee looks at the approved scope of work for reasonableness, the household's income, and the ability to repay the loan; and

WHEREAS, DHHS is recommending Community Advocates act as the fiscal agent for the funds due to its experience with similar programs; and

WHEREAS, the disbursement of funds will be fully administered by the County through invoices to Community Advocates; and

 47 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of 48 January 30, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-121 (vote 4-2); now, therefore, 49 50 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) 51 authorizes the transfer of funds in the amount of \$550,000 from Org. Unit 1940-1945 -52 Appropriation for Contingencies to the Housing Division, Department of Health and 53 Human Services (DHHS), for the creation of the Milwaukee County Lead Remediation 54 Low Interest Loan Program; and 55 56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the Director, DHHS, 57 to execute a fiscal agent contract in the amount of \$490,000 with Community 58 Advocates, to issue loan payments to qualifying homeowners and included in this 59 amount is \$10,000 for fiscal services; and 60 61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes an increase of three 62 percent in the cost to administer the program, from 10 percent to 13 percent, which 63 reflects the cost of fiscal services to be provided by Community Advocates and the cost 64 of one full-time equivalent Housing Inspector pending its creation. 65 66 67 68 69 srb 01/30/2020 S:\Committees\2020\Jan\F&A\Resolutions\20-121 REVISED RESOLUTION.docx