

Emergency Preparedness Funding Request for COVID-19, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN ENGROSSED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Evers declared a public health emergency in response to local cases of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) across Wisconsin, and while there are no confirmed cases in Milwaukee County (the County) to-date, the County seeks to be proactive in regard to containing the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is requesting authorization to transfer \$1,000,000 in funds out of Org. Unit 1945-Appropriation for Contingencies (unallocated) in order to provide funding for emergency preparedness responses related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, from this \$1,000,000 amount, \$500,000 is requested to be transferred to new Capital Project WO72101-Laptops COVID-19 Emergency, for the acquisition of laptop computers and to enable telework needs for County employees that work from a desktop computer, but do not currently have a laptop, while the other \$500,000 is requested to be transferred new Capital Project WO72001-COVID19 Emergency to address potential future expenses related to COVID-19, which are yet to be determined; and

WHEREAS, new Capital Project WO72001-COVID-19 Emergency will provide budget authority to address potential future expenses (on an as needed basis) related to COVID-19 which are yet to be determined, and allow DAS and Office of Emergency Management to review and approve departmental expenditure requests to ensure they are related to COVID-19 issues; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance and Audit, at its meeting of March 18, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-288 as amended (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller) are authorized and directed to create new Capital Projects WO72101-Laptops Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Emergency, and WO72001-COVID-19 Emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS and the Comptroller are authorized and directed to provide an appropriation transfer of \$500,000 from Org. Unit 1945 - Appropriation for Contingencies to new Capital Project WO72101-Laptops COVID-19 Emergency; and

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, costs for laptops already purchased or in the  
48 process of being purchased to address COVID-19 service continuity issues may be  
49 applied to new Capital Project WO72101-Laptops COVID-19 Emergency; and  
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51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS and the Comptroller are authorized and  
52 directed to provide an appropriation transfer of \$500,000 from Org. Unit 1945 -  
53 Appropriation for Contingencies to new Capital Project WO72001-COVID-19  
54 Emergency; and  
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pending DAS and/or Office of Emergency  
57 Management review and approval of departmental requests for COVID-19 issues,  
58 COVID-19 related costs may be applied to new Capital project WO72001-COVID-19  
59 Emergency; and  
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61 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all department should be tracking and**  
62 **documenting all expenditures that they reasonably believe are related to the**  
63 **public health emergency whether or not the expenditures will be included in**  
64 **these capital projects; and**  
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66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Milwaukee County (the County), if it chooses**  
67 **to, may be able to exceed the State of Wisconsin property tax levy limits in order**  
68 **to pay the unreimbursed expenses related to the public health emergency; and**  
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70 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS working in conjunction with the**  
71 **Comptroller, the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS), and other applicable**  
72 **departments, are authorized and requested to identify essential employees that,**  
73 **in order to do their jobs, cannot adhere to the State of Wisconsin's "Safer at**  
74 **Home" Order to reduce further spread of COVID-19 for possible additional pay**  
75 **and/or more Supplemental Paid Leave if they contract the virus; and**  
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77 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS shall provide a report to the Milwaukee**  
78 **County Board of Supervisors by April 2, 2020, as to the recommended steps to**  
79 **ensure that the essential, public-facing employees of the County and MCTS are**  
80 **protected so they can continue to provide critical services.**  
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