

1 Supervisor Nicholson, Chairperson,
2 By the Committee of the Whole reporting on:

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4 File No. 20-360

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6 A resolution by the Committee of the Whole, relating to an informational report update
7 regarding the \$62 million anticipated allocation from the Federal government in
8 response to COVID-19, by recommending adoption of the following:

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10 **A RESOLUTION**

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12 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County (the County) government and its citizens have
13 been severely harmed by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; and

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15 WHEREAS, many revenue-generating operations for the County have been
16 closed for weeks and could continue to be closed for weeks or months; and

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18 WHEREAS, several County facilities and operations have been impacted
19 including:

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 - 22 • County Parks facilities, rentals and concessions, including, but not limited
 - 23 to, the Mitchell Park Domes, Boerner Botanical Gardens, golf courses,
 - 24 disc golf courses, dog parks, and community centers
 - 25 • The County Zoo
 - 26 • reduction of operational hours of the Milwaukee County Transit System,
 - 27 loss of revenue due to less transit riders because of telework and “stay at
 - 28 home” orders, and elimination of fares to protect the public and transit
 - 29 workers

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32 WHEREAS, the Office of the Comptroller has advised that the following
33 additional areas are anticipated to be impacted by the crisis:

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 - 36 • Property Tax revenue
 - 37 • Sales Tax revenue
 - 38 • Fringe benefits
 - 39 • Other revenues (for example, Potawatomi and/or investment earnings)
 - 40 • Other Federal and State matching and reimbursement revenues

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43 WHEREAS, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act,
44 the Coronavirus Relief Fund (the fund) for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal
45 Governments was created containing \$150 billion, from which the County received
46 \$62,044,048, deposited on April 20, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, the fund can be used to cover costs that:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency
2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020

; and

WHEREAS, the fund cannot be used to cover the costs of:

1. Expenses for the State share of Medicaid
2. Damages covered by insurance
3. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
4. Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any Federal program
5. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services
6. Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
7. Severance pay
8. Legal settlements

; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the fund do not need to submit any proposed expenditures to the United States Department of the Treasury for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board), according to Wisconsin State Statutes and the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances (the Code) has a role in the distribution and allocation of funds; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1.11 of the Code states that the Committee on Finance and Audit of the County Board “shall be to have charge of...policy matters having a fiscal effect outside the current budget” and “other financial matters of concern to the county;” and

WHEREAS, it is the purview of the County Board to review and approve the disbursement and allocation of the County’s funds; and

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole, at its meeting of May 14, 2020, recommended adoption of this By the Committee resolution associated with File No. 20-360 (vote 18-0); now, therefore,

93 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County (the County) is committed to mitigating,
94 however possible, the extent of the economic disruption caused by coronavirus disease
95 (COVID-19) to its citizens and employees; and
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97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
98 (County Board) hereby authorizes the receipt of \$62,044,048 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief,
99 and Economic Security Act, funding provided by the Federal government and requests
100 that the Office of the Comptroller shall secure the funds in a designated account to
101 ensure they are segregated from other funds; and
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103 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby requests that the Office
104 of the County Executive prepare and develop a plan for the appropriation of the
105 \$62,044,048 million received from the Federal government in response to COVID-19;
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108 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the plan shall reflect the County's commitment to
109 safely keeping citizens and employees working, stimulating the local economy, and
110 adherence to public health guidelines; and
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112 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the plan shall be submitted to the County Board
113 for review and approval before funds are committed or allocated.
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