

1 Supervisor Haas, Chairman,  
2 By the Committee on Finance reporting on:

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4 File No. 20-465

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6 A resolution by the Committee of Finance relating to an informational report regarding  
7 the Coronavirus Relief Fund Allocation

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9 **A RESOLUTION**

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11 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Evers declared a public health  
12 emergency in response to local cases of COVID-19 across Wisconsin and as of June  
13 16, 2020, there have been almost 9,700 confirmed cases in Milwaukee County (County)  
14 to-date with 322 deaths; and

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16 WHEREAS, the County seeks to be proactive to contain the spread of the virus  
17 and has received federal and state funding to help in those efforts; and

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19 WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors (County Board), at its meeting on  
20 May 14, 2020, adopted File No. 20-360, which authorized the receipt of \$62,044,048 in  
21 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – Coronavirus Relief  
22 Funds, and requested the County Executive to develop a plan for the appropriation of  
23 the funds to be reviewed and approved by the County Board; and

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25 WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020 Governor Evers announced the “Routes to  
26 Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants” program which provides an additional  
27 \$15,384,444 in CARES Coronavirus Relief Funds to Milwaukee County; and

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29 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County’s total allocation of Coronavirus Relief Funds is  
30 now \$77,428,492, including \$62,044,048 received from the federal government and an  
31 additional \$15,384,444 from the State; and

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33 WHEREAS, File No. 20-335 was approved by the County Board authorizing and  
34 directing the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the Office of the  
35 Comptroller to provide an administrative appropriation transfer of \$20,000,000 from the  
36 \$62,044,048 in CARES Act funds received to establish a separate Organizational Unit  
37 in DAS so the funds already expended by departments due to the Coronavirus Disease  
38 (COVID-19) pandemic can be charged (transferred) against these funds to better  
39 account for these expenses and improve financial oversight of departments; and

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41 WHEREAS, DAS, with oversight by the Comptroller, are authorized and directed  
42 to provide monthly reports to the County Board detailing departmental expenses that  
43 have been charged to the COVID-19 grant fund; and

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45 WHEREAS, DAS will report expenditures that have been incurred and which are  
46 recommended to be charged against the CARES Act for review and approval; and

47 WHEREAS, Grant funding (Federal/State/Other) is available to help offset the  
48 COVID-19 costs incurred by the County; and  
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50 WHEREAS, the report hereto attached to this file provides a framework for  
51 planned spending against the overall \$77,428,492 grant award; and  
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53 WHEREAS, \$10 million is earmarked to begin the Housing and Homeless  
54 Services portion of the plan to help reduce evictions and to help house individuals with  
55 housing insecurities; and  
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57 WHEREAS, DAS will continue to provide expenditure reports and spending  
58 updates on a monthly basis; now, therefore,  
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60 BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Administrative Services is  
61 authorized to accept \$15,384,444 in additional CARES Act funding from the State of  
62 Wisconsin which was awarded under the "Routes to Recovery" program; and  
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services, Office  
65 of Performance, Strategy, and Budget (DAS-PSB), and the Office of the Comptroller  
66 (Comptroller) are authorized and directed to provide an administrative appropriation  
67 transfer of \$10 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds into  
68 the Org. Unit established in File No. 20-355 that, coupled with the earlier transfer of \$20  
69 million, would establish a total budget of \$30 million to cover eligible expenses to  
70 address the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
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72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an appropriation of \$10 million shall be  
73 earmarked for the Housing and Homeless Services programs outlined in the report  
74 hereto attached to this file which includes: \$7,000,000 for eviction prevention,  
75 \$2,000,000 for housing acquisition, and \$1,000,000 for mortgage assistance; and  
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77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
78 authorizes up to \$700,000 to be spent on administration of the eviction prevention  
79 program, including contract support from partner agencies; and  
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81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
82 hereby requests the balance of the Covid-19 grant funds, \$47,482,492, be reserved for  
83 allocation in a subsequent meeting cycle to best address the needs of the community  
84 and the citizens that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and  
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86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Administrative Services shall  
87 provide monthly reports to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors detailing  
88 expenses charged to the COVID-19 grant funds as well as updates on the programs  
89 funded with these monies.