

Supervisor Jason Haas, Chairman,
By the Committee on Finance, reporting on:

File No. 20-465

A resolution by the Committee of Finance, relating to an informational report regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund Allocation, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the County seeks to be proactive to contain the spread of the virus and has received Federal and State of Wisconsin (the State) funding to help in those efforts; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the County's total allocation of CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds is now \$77,428,492, including \$62,044,048 received from the Federal government and an additional \$15,384,444 from the State; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, grant funding (Federal/State/Other) is available to help offset the COVID-19 costs incurred by the County; and

WHEREAS, the report hereto attached to this file provides a framework for planned spending against the overall \$77,428,492 grant award; and

WHEREAS, \$10 million is earmarked to begin the Housing and Homeless Services portion of the plan to help reduce evictions and to help house individuals with housing insecurities; and

WHEREAS, DAS will continue to provide expenditure reports and spending updates on a monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of June 18, 2020, recommended adoption of this By the Committee Resolution associated with File No. 20-465 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Director, Department of Administrative Services, is authorized to accept \$15,384,444 in additional Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding from the State of Wisconsin, which was awarded under the "Routes to Recovery" program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, Department of Administrative Services (OPSB-DAS), and the Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller) are authorized and directed to provide an administrative appropriation transfer of \$10 million in CARES Act funds into the Org. Unit established in File No. 20-335 that, coupled with the earlier transfer of \$20 million, would establish a total budget of \$30 million to cover eligible expenses to address the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an appropriation of \$10 million shall be earmarked for the Housing and Homeless Services programs outlined in the report hereto attached to this file, which includes: \$7,000,000 for eviction prevention, \$2,000,000 for housing acquisition, and \$1,000,000 for mortgage assistance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board) authorizes up to \$700,000 to be spent on administration of the eviction prevention program, including contract support from partner agencies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby requests the balance of the COVID-19 grant funds, \$47,482,492, be reserved for allocation in a subsequent meeting cycle to best address the needs of the community and the citizens that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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92 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS shall provide monthly reports to the County
93 Board detailing expenses charged to the COVID-19 grant funds as well as updates on
94 the programs funded with these monies.
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