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Coronavirus Relief Fund Allocation (July 2020 Update), 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 Wisconsin, and as of July 8, 2020, there have been almost 10,355 confirmed cases in Milwaukee County (the County) to-date, with 371 deaths; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to be proactive to contain the spread of COVID-19 and has received Federal and State funding to help in those efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board), at its meeting of 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 allocation of \$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 (Comptroller) to provide an administrative appropriation transfer in the amount of \$20 million from the \$62,044,048 in CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Funds received to establish a separate organizational 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, File No. 20-465 was approved by the County Board and authorized an additional appropriation of \$10 million for Housing and Homeless Services Programs, including: \$7,000,000 for eviction prevention, \$2 million for housing acquisition, and \$1 million for mortgage assistance; and

WHEREAS, \$47,428,492 of the CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund grant remains pending County Board budget approval; and

47 WHEREAS, DAS, with oversight by the Comptroller, is authorized and directed to
48 provide monthly reports to the County Board detailing departmental expenses that have
49 been charged to the COVID-19 grant fund; and
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51 WHEREAS, DAS will report expenditures that have been incurred, and which are
52 recommended to be charged against the CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund for
53 review and approval; and
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55 WHEREAS, grant funding (Federal/State/Other) is available to help offset
56 COVID-19 costs incurred by the County; and
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58 WHEREAS, the report hereto attached to this file provides a framework for
59 planned spending against the overall \$77,428,492 grant award; and
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61 WHEREAS, DAS will continue to provide expenditure reports and spending
62 updates on a monthly basis; and
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64 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its special meeting of July 21, 2020,
65 recommended adoption of File No. 20-557 (vote 5-0); now, therefore,
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67 BE IT RESOLVED, the Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, Department
68 of Administrative Services (DAS), and the Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller) are
69 authorized and directed to provide an administrative appropriation transfer of
70 \$47,428,492 in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds into
71 the Org. Unit established in File No. 20-355; and
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73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
74 (County Board) authorizes the spending framework outlined in File No. 20-557, which
75 includes \$24.8 million for life safety expenditures pertaining to coronavirus disease
76 (COVID-19), \$25.5 million for emergency operating costs related to COVID-19, \$27.1
77 million for economic support and public health programs; and
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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the allocation for economic support and
80 public health programs, the County Board authorizes a revised spending allocation of
81 \$15 million for housing programs aimed to prevent homelessness, including \$10 million
82 for eviction prevention, \$2 million for housing acquisition, and \$5 million for mortgage
83 assistance; and
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85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the allocation for economic support and
86 public health programs, the County Board authorizes spending of \$7 million for grants to
87 small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruptions caused by closures
88 and economic impacts of COVID-19; and
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90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the allocation for economic support and
91 public health programs, the County Board authorizes spending of \$1.6 million for public
92 health and mental health services for individuals impacted by COVID-19; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, within the allocation for economic support and public health programs, the County Board authorizes spending of \$3.5 million for the Community Resource Navigator Employment Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the administrating department, DAS, Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, Community Business Development Partners, Comptroller, and County Executive to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all actions as required for the purpose of administering the above-referenced programs funded by the \$77.4 million CARES Act grant allocation framework; and

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

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