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## October Board Cycle

## Milwaukee County Parks

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Date: October 1, 2020

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: **Authorization for Grant Acceptance from the Milwaukee Parks Foundation Grant (ACTION)**

### Issue

Milwaukee County Parks requests authorization to accept grants totaling \$18,000 from the Milwaukee Parks Foundation for the creation and distribution of We Care Crew resource bags (\$6,000) and in support of mural installation in Milwaukee County Parks (\$12,000).

### Background

A growing group of partners, including Milwaukee County Parks, the Office on African American Affairs, the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, City of Milwaukee Police Districts, City of Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention, Safe and Sound, and several other community partners have joined together to form the We Care Crew (WCC). The WCC is a collaboration of partners working to share resources, information, and messaging related to COVID-19 specifically with our Communities of Color (additional background available in File 20-493). The We Care Crew has supported the creation and deployment of "Resource Bags" that include healthy snacks, personal protective equipment, COVID-19 information, and community resources to support residents. In support of this work, the Milwaukee Parks Foundation has authorized \$6,000 of grant funding to continue the distribution of resource bags into the fall.

Additionally, in response to the national call for racial equity, public assemblies in the form of rallies, marches, protests, and other similar gatherings have become a daily occurrence. As a mode of public expression, mural installations have blossomed on private and public surfaces across the city often created by neighborhood residents. The Milwaukee Parks Foundation has authorized \$12,000 of grant funding to support local artists in mural creation and installation in parks. Location to be determined by Milwaukee County Parks.



## Recommendation

Parks' Executive Director recommends approval to accept grants totaling \$18,000 from the Milwaukee Parks Foundation for the projects outlined above and authorize Milwaukee County Parks, the Office of Comptroller, and the Department of Administrative Services to execute administrative fund transfers to recognize the receipt of revenue and apply it to the identified projects.

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Approved By: Guy Smith, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Parks

## Attachments

- A1 Fiscal Note
- A2 Resolution

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- David Crowley, County Executive
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