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From the Director, Child Support Services, requesting authorization to enter into Partner Agreements with: Center for Self Sufficiency (CFSS), Community Advocates, Inc., The Alma Center, Employ Milwaukee, Inc. (EMI), Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) and AMTC & Associates for the Milwaukee County Fatherhood-Family-Focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (FIRE) Project. Milwaukee County Child Support Services (CSS) has successfully been awarded a \$4,999,995 (\$999,999 per year) contract for 5 years to provide Milwaukee Fatherhood FIRE project services for the period of 9/30/2020 through 9/29/2025. CSS requires the assistance of multiple non-profit partners to provide these services, by recommending adoption of the following:

**AN AMENDED RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Child Support Services (CSS) has been selected by the Federal Administration for Children and Families as lead agency for the Fatherhood-Family-Focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (Fatherhood FIRE) Project grant; and

WHEREAS, the Fatherhood FIRE grant will provide vital job training, educational, and employment services to 3,375 primarily low-income fathers over a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, the term of the contracts would begin September 30, 2020, through September 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Fatherhood FIRE grant will provide \$4,999,995 over five-years in support to CSS and its partners; and

WHEREAS, CSS will work with 6 partner agencies: the Center for Self Sufficiency, Community Advocates, Inc., The Alma Center, Wisconsin Community Services, Employ Milwaukee, Inc., and AMTC & Associates, to provide intake, curriculum, job training and placement, and other services; and

WHEREAS, these services and job skills will help fathers in Milwaukee to be more active parents, work to support families and children, and help participants fulfill their obligations of child support; and

WHEREAS, CSS is requesting authority to pay bills for work done prior to the contract being executed; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of December 10, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 20-873 as amended (vote 6-0); now, therefore,

44 BE IT RESOLVED, the ~~Committee on Finance of the~~ Milwaukee County Board  
45 of Supervisors (County Board) hereby authorizes Child Support Services (CSS) to  
46 enter into partnership contracts with: the Center for Self Sufficiency (CFSS),  
47 Community Advocates (CA), The Alma Center, Wisconsin Community Services  
48 (WCS), Employ Milwaukee, Inc., (EMI), and AMTC & Associates, in order to facilitate  
49 the Fatherhood-Family-Focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (FIRE) Project  
50 grant; and  
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52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the not-to-exceed amounts for each of the**  
53 **agencies for the duration of the grant period, September 30, 2020, through**  
54 **September 29, 2025, are as follows:**  
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| 56 | <u>CFSS</u>                  | <u>\$1,500,000</u> |
| 57 | <u>CA</u>                    | <u>\$890,000</u>   |
| 58 | <u>The Alma Center</u>       | <u>\$62,000</u>    |
| 59 | <u>WCS</u>                   | <u>\$100,000</u>   |
| 60 | <u>EMI</u>                   | <u>\$100,000</u>   |
| 61 | <u>AMTC &amp; Associates</u> | <u>\$564,125</u>   |

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63 **; and**  
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Director, CSS, or his designee, is hereby  
66 authorized by the County Board to amend the CFSS, CA, The Alma Center, WCS, EMI,  
67 and AMTC & Associates contracts, due to performance or lack thereof, ability to take on  
68 expected goals, or requests by the Federal government for the operation of the  
69 Fatherhood Family FIRE Grant for the term of September 30, 2020, through  
70 September 29, 2025, **with the requirement that an informational report be**  
71 **submitted to the County Board if any changes to the aforementioned contract**  
72 **amounts are made;** and  
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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby waives Sections  
75 56.30(8) and (9) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances **that require a**  
76 **contract to be approved prior to services provided;** and  
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78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Office of the Comptroller is hereby authorized  
79 to pay CFSS, CA, The Alma Center, WCS, EMI, and AMTC & Associates for services  
80 rendered before the 2021 Professional Service Contract was signed and executed.  
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