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3 From the Director Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, providing COVID-19
4 updates, and requesting authorization to receive and allocate various new revenues to
5 combat the COVID-19 pandemic, by recommending adoption of the following:
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7 **A RESOLUTION**

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9 WHEREAS, the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021,” which was signed into
10 Federal law on December 27, 2020, included \$900 billion for various Coronavirus
11 Disease (COVID-19) relief programs hereinafter referred to as “COVID-19 Relief Bill”;
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14 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Relief Bill provides \$25 billion of “Emergency Rental
15 Assistance” funding nationwide; and
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17 WHEREAS, local governments with populations of over 200,000 are eligible to
18 receive direct Emergency Rental Assistance funding under the COVID-19 Relief Bill;
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21 WHEREAS, in order to receive Emergency Rental Assistance funding under the
22 COVID-19 Relief Bill, local governments with populations of over 200,000 were required
23 to apply to the United States Treasury Department (Treasury Department) by
24 January 12, 2021; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), in collaboration
27 with the Department of Health and Human Services, applied for Emergency Rental
28 Assistance funding under the COVID-19 Relief Bill; and
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30 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, the Treasury Department notified DAS that
31 Milwaukee County (the County) would receive an Emergency Rental Assistance
32 allocation of \$10,629,017; and
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34 WHEREAS, Federal guidance states that the Emergency Rental Assistance
35 funding may be used for rent, rental arrears, utilities and home energy costs, and other
36 expenses related to housing incurred due to the pandemic; and
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38 WHEREAS, Adopted File No. 20-937 authorized the use of Debt Service
39 Reserve funding in 2021 to provide financing to maintain services at the Miller Park
40 testing site; and
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42 WHEREAS, Adopted File No. 20-937 approved \$2.5 million [or the final excess
43 revenue earned (at the testing site) in 2020] to maintain services at the Miller Park
44 testing site; and
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46 WHEREAS, final excess revenue earned at the Miller Park testing site was
47 \$901,635; and
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49 WHEREAS, final excess revenue earned at the Miller Park testing site was less
50 than the \$2.5 million amount previously projected, because the City of Milwaukee took
51 on fiscal agent responsibilities in December 2020, including claiming and
52 reimbursement for tests conducted; and
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54 WHEREAS, the City of Milwaukee is now paying for most of the costs associated
55 with administering the Miller Park testing site; and
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57 WHEREAS, the County funding contribution to maintain services at the Miller
58 Park testing site in 2021 is no longer expected to be fully needed; and
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60 WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of January 28, 2021,
61 recommended adoption of File No. 21-196 (vote 6-0); now, therefore,
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63 BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (County Board)
64 hereby authorizes the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and the
65 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to retroactively apply for and accept
66 Emergency Rental Assistance funding under the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
67 Relief Bill; and
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69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS and the Milwaukee County Comptroller,
70 Office of the Comptroller, are authorized and directed to provide an administrative
71 appropriation transfer to recognize \$10,629,017 of Emergency Rental Assistance
72 funding; and
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74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes the use of
75 Emergency Rental Assistance funding for eligible activities under the COVID-19 Relief
76 Bill including rental assistance, rent arrears, utilities, home energy costs, and other
77 eligible expenses; and
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79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes DHHS, DAS,
80 Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, Community Business Development Partners-
81 DAS, Comptroller, and County Executive to prepare, review, approve, and execute all
82 contracts and other documents, and take all actions required for the purpose of
83 administering the above-referenced Emergency Rental Assistance program funded by
84 the \$10,629,017 COVID-19 Relief Bill allocation; and
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86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board authorizes \$901,635 in Miller
87 Park testing site revenues to be used for COVID-19 response activities, including but
88 not limited to costs associated with the Miller Park testing site; and
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90 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS and the Comptroller are authorized and
91 directed to provide an administrative appropriation transfer to allocate \$901,635 from
92 the Debt Service Reserve to Org. Unit 9960 – General County Debt Service to pay 2021
93 debt service expenses, and to allocate property tax levy of \$901,635 from Org. Unit
94 9960 to finance COVID-19 response activities; and

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96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the above-referenced \$901,635 allocation
97 replaces the allocation of \$2.5 million (or the final excess revenue earned in 2020), as
98 approved within Adopted File No. 20-937; and

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

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