

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-office Memorandum

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TO: Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an informational report on federal funding for a Community Intervention Specialist position previously approved by the County Board**

Issue

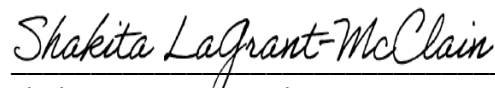
In February, the County Board approved the creation of a Community Intervention Specialist position for the Housing Division (File No. 21-83). This resolution also directed the Housing Division to explore the viability of using either COVID-19 funds or another source of non-tax levy funds to offset the cost of the position for 2021. The resolution further requested the Housing Division submit a report to the County Board confirming the source of funding.

Discussion

There are two federal funding sources that have been identified for this position. In the short term, the Housing Division can use the administrative funds from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program that was established in 2021 through the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Milwaukee County received \$10.6 million and 10 percent of those funds are for administrative expenses. The duties for the Community Intervention Specialist position align with the eligible uses of these funds. On a long-term basis, this position can be funded as an allowable expense under the Housing Division's My Home Program, a federally funded rental assistance program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Fiscal Impact

This report is informational only and there is no direct fiscal impact.



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