File No. 21-524

From the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization for release of $250,000 in contingency funding allocated in the 2021 DHHS Budget to support housing-related contracts, by recommending adoption of the following:

**A RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the 2021 Adopted DHHS Budget contained an amendment allocating $250,000 in contingency funding for housing-related services to further the mission of reducing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 budget amendment requested the Housing Division report back to the County Board with a proposed spending plan; and

WHEREAS, flexible funding to assist homeless individuals to move into permanent housing remains limited; and

WHEREAS, providing adequate on-site services in permanent supportive housing is necessary to ensure housing retention rates and successful outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee County recognizes the need for additional housing options for those fleeing domestic violence; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the release of $250,000 in contingency funding to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Housing Division for the purpose of entering into the following contracts totaling $212,500:

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| **Agency** | **Service** | **Existing Contract Amount** | **Recommended Adjustment** | **Total Contract Amount** |
| Community Advocates | Housing Start Up | $0 | $93,750 | $93,750 |
| Hope House | Housing Start Up | $0 | $93,750 | $93,750 |
| Serona Recovery, Inc. | Housing Supportive Services – United House | $113,000 | $25,000 | $138,000 |
| **Total:** |  | **$113,000** | **$212,500** | **$325,500** |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the remaining $37,500 will be allocated for the West Haven Program to assist victims of domestic violence in obtaining safe, permanent housing once a provider has been identified.