

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: 8/31/2021

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Amos Morris, Executive Director, Milwaukee County Zoo

Subject: The Milwaukee County Zoo requests authorization to enter into an agreement for a veterinary residency program with University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in an amount of \$38,788 over a term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Milwaukee County Zoo requests authorization to enter into an agreement for a veterinary residency program with University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine in an amount of \$38,788 over a term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024

POLICY

Wis. Stats. 59.60(12) requires board approval by resolution for each contract, lease or other obligation requiring the payment of funds from the appropriations of a later fiscal year or of more than one fiscal year.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	59.60(12)
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	2021
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County Zoo (MCZ), Zoological Society of Milwaukee County (ZSM), International Crane Foundation (ICF), and University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine (UWSVM) have partnered to maintain a rotating Veterinary Residency program since the year 2000. The program provides board certified veterinary graduates with a diverse range of hands-on experience in exotic, domestic, and wild animal medicine while simultaneously enhancing the capacity of veterinary care for the MCZ. Each resident remains in the program for three consecutive years, overlapping with the residents of the previous cycles and rotating between the MCZ, ICF, and UWSVM seasonally. The program has been tremendously successful, and many of the Veterinary Residents have graduated the program and been recruited by prominent zoological facilities, including our own MCZ.

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Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government through partnerships with local university and mission parallel organizations to provide work experience to veterinary graduates.

3B: Enhance the County's fiscal health and sustainability by increasing capacity for the veterinary care at Milwaukee Cuntz Zoo at approximately one third the cost of hiring an additional full-time veterinarian. Maximize the health and wellness of the Zoo's animal residents and ensuring a wholesome recreational environment for the citizens of Milwaukee County.

FISCAL EFFECT

The 2021 Adopted Budget includes funding for this contract. The contract does not increase capital expenditures or use contingency funds or grant funds. The contract does commit funds across three successive budget cycles. The contract does provide one full-time equivalent of licensed veterinary services at approximately one third the cost of hiring an additional full-time veterinarian.

TERMS

The 2021 Adopted Budget includes funding for this contract. The term of the 2021 Veterinary Residency program would extend from July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2024.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Amos Morris, Executive Zoo Director will present, but please also include Vera Westphal, Deputy Zoo Director; Gary Lunsford, Director of Animal Management & Health; and Dr. Pamela Govett, Senior Staff Veterinarian. Email addresses as follows: Amos.Morris@milwaukeecountywi.gov; Vera.Westphal@milwaukeecountywi.gov; Gary.Lunsford@milwaukeecountywi.gov; Pamela.Govett@milwaukeecountywi.gov

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Fiscal Note, DRAFT Contract, Resolution

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