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From the Director Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget requesting an allocation of \$2.5 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to support ongoing emergency needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic, which will be exhausted as of October of 2021, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Adopted File No. 20-937, approved by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in December 2020, provided authorization to use \$7.5 million of reserve funds on Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) spending needs in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the \$7.5 million reserve fund allocation was revised to \$5.9 million in February 2021 within Adopted No. File 21-196, as a result of revised revenue projections pertaining to the American Family Insurance COVID-19 testing site; and

WHEREAS, the \$5.9 million allocation provided funding for COVID-19 needs in 2021 after the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act grant was exhausted, and before a new Federal relief grant had been approved; and

WHEREAS, as of August 2021, approximately \$4.1 million of the \$5.9 million allocation has been expended or encumbered, and additional expenditures are pending; and

WHEREAS, the \$5.9 million allocation has been expended on a variety of COVID-19 response activities such as testing, vaccine administration, communications, eviction prevention, cleaning, and other COVID-19 related needs; and

WHEREAS, the \$5.9 million allocation is projected to be fully expended or encumbered by October 2021 at current spending levels; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which was signed into law on March 11, 2021, provides Milwaukee County with an allocation of \$183.7 million in Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under ARPA are available to support public health response to the COVID-19 pandemic; address negative economic impacts; provide government’s services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; provide premium pay to essential workers; and to support water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a \$2.5 million allocation is being requested to ensure continuity of funding for COVID-19 response activities including, but not limited to testing, communications, vaccine administration, facilities safety costs, and other COVID-19-related needs, and

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WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance, at its meeting of September 17, 2021, recommended adoption of File No. 21-795 (vote 7-0); now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), or his designee(s) is retroactively authorized to apply for and accept American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of up to \$183,696,189; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, DAS and the Office of the Comptroller (Comptroller) are authorized and directed to provide an administrative appropriation transfer to recognize \$2.5 million of ARPA Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) response related purposes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorizes DAS, the Office of Corporation Counsel, Risk Management, DAS, Community Business Development Partners, DAS, Comptroller, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Office of the County Executive to prepare, review, approve, and execute all contracts and other documents, and take all actions required for the purpose of administering the above referenced COVID-19 response activities funded by the \$2.5 million allocation.

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