ENROLLED ORDINANCE 175-75

MODIFY THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2021 BUDGET TO ACCEPT US TREASURY DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the United States Treasury Department has provided \$25 billion of federal funding to local governments through the December 27, 2020 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 for an Emergency Rental Assistance program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha County is an eligible grantee for this program, based on population criteria set forth in the grant; and

WHEREAS, Waukesha County's allocation of these funds is \$12,082,684; and

WHEREAS, permissible uses of the grant funding to income-eligible households may be used for rent and rental arrears, as well as utilities and utility arrears; and

WHEREAS, WE Energies estimates that Waukesha County rental residents with income levels at 60% of the median income or less have accrued nearly \$2 million in utility arrears within the last year; and

WHEREAS, discussions with several landlord associations, nonprofit housing providers and individual landlords in the county note anecdotally that as many as 20% of renters have missed rental payments within the last year.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that Community Development program administration is authorized to accept the 2021 US Treasury Department Emergency Rental Assistance grant funding of \$12,082,684.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the 2021 Community Development program budget be modified by increasing general government appropriations by \$12,082,684 and increasing the program's operating expense appropriations by the same amount to fund contracted services.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Community Development program is authorized to enter into a purchased services agreement with a third-party provider to operate this grant program in 2021.

FISCAL NOTE

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This ordinance authorizes Parks and Land Use – Community Development Fund – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to accept and appropriate an additional \$12,082,684 of United States Treasury Department funding to be used for an Emergency Rental Assistance program to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to 10% of the total allocation may be used for direct administrative costs incurred by Waukesha County and the third-party provider. The distribution of funding will be made by a contracted third-party provider. The grant funding period is currently set to end on December 31, 2021.

The 2021 Parks and Land Use Department adopted budget includes HUD funding of \$1,464,022 for the CDBG program. The 2020 budget was modified twice (175-09 and 175-47) to accept CARES Act allocations of \$861,236 and \$1,335,096 to respond to the pandemic (some of which could also be used for rental assistance). A portion of these unspent funds will be requested for carryover into the 2021 budget.

This ordinance results in no direct levy impact.

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William Duckwitz Budget Manager 02/02/2021 CLD JE 2021-00000637

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Presented by: Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee

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Approved by: Finance Committee

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 3/1/2021 Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby: Approved: _____

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Vetoed:	

Date:

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Paul Farrow, County Executive

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COUNTY			VOTE RESULTS: Passed With 17 Yes Votes Needed	Yes Votes Needed	
	AYE: 25	NAY: 0	ABSENT: 0		
D1 - Foti		AYE	D14 - Mommaerts		AYE
D2 - Zimmermann		AYE	D15 - Mitchell	Motion	AYE
D3 - Morris		AYE	D16 - Crowley		AYE
D4 - Batzko		AYE	D17 - Paulson		AYE
D5 - Dondlinger		AYE	D18 - Nelson	Second	AYE
D6 - Walz		AYE	D19 - Cummings		AYE
D7 - LaFontain		AYE	D20 - Schellinger		AYE
D8 - Michalski		AYE	D21 - Gaughan		AYE
D9 - Heinrich		AYE	D22 - Wysocki		AYE
D10 - Swan		AYE	D23 - Hammitt		AYE
D11 - Howard		AYE	D24 - Whittow		AYE
D12 - Wolff		AYE	D25 - Johnson		AYE
D13 - Decker		AYE			

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