

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 175-80

MODIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES – PUBLIC HEALTH 2021 BUDGET TO ACCEPT FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND MODIFY THE NON-DEPARTMENTAL GENERAL FUND 2021 BUDGET THROUGH A CONTINGENCY FUND TRANSFER FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY VACCINE PROGRAM AND CONTINUED PANDEMIC RESPONSE

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus, now named Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), was detected and has spread throughout many countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and the United States Department of Health and Human Services has declared a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared the existence of a public health emergency, as defined in Section 323.02(16), Wisconsin Statutes, and has declared subsequent public health emergencies related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Waukesha County Executive, by proclamation pursuant to authority under Sections 323.11 and 323.14(4)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, declared a state of emergency in Waukesha County in light of the public health threat posed by COVID-19, and said proclamation has been ratified and extended by the Waukesha County Board by Enrolled Resolution 174-3 adopted March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, being necessary for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of the citizens of the county, it is necessary for Waukesha County to continue efforts to contain the spread of the disease through contact tracing and disease investigation and to establish a community COVID-19 vaccination program; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has allocated an additional \$2,868,600 of federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant funding, which can be used for the public health pandemic response, including contact tracing, disease investigation, and vaccine administration; and

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Executive issued Executive Order #4 on January 20, 2021 to initiate spending for a community vaccine program due to the urgency of the current public health emergency, with the understanding that outside funding, such as the ELC grant, would be available to cover many of the costs; and

WHEREAS, implementing a community vaccination program will require additional supplies and equipment, such as personal protective equipment, disinfectant supplies, and clinical supplies; and

WHEREAS, a community vaccination program will also require additional staffing, including contracted and limited-term employee positions, such as registered nurses, emergency medical supervision, security, supervision, and clerical support; and

WHEREAS, in order to limit the need for hiring additional LTE and contracted staff and to quickly establish clinic operations, county administration has asked departments to identify county employees for redeployment as support at the clinics; and

WHEREAS, at this time, it is uncertain whether outside funding sources will be available to cover the time of redeployed staff; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that in many cases, these position costs are already included in the base 2021 budget, and being redeployed to the clinics will not result in additional expenditures, but there will be instances when non-salaried redeployed staff work additional hours and generate additional overtime costs not already included in the 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, there may also be other supplies, equipment, and purchased services necessary to implement the community vaccination clinic and to continue responding to the pandemic that do not have identifiable funding sources at the time; and

WHEREAS, these instances of overtime, supplies, equipment, and purchased services that do not have known funding sources can be difficult to predict, and should be accounted for in the Non-Departmental General Fund budget to minimize the impact to departmental budgets and allow flexibility in efficiently meeting pandemic response needs; and

WHEREAS, these expenses were not anticipated in the 2021 adopted Non-Departmental General Fund budget, and will require a Contingency Fund transfer; and

WHEREAS, the county will track all costs related to the community vaccination clinics and continue to review potential funding sources as they become available, in order to minimize the need for actual Contingency Funds and any other net costs to the county.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services – Public Health program be authorized to accept additional federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant funding provided through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services – Public Health program budget be modified to increase personnel cost appropriations by \$868,600, operating expense appropriations by \$2,000,000, and general government revenues by \$2,868,600 to fund the public health pandemic response, including contact tracing, disease investigation, and implementation of a community vaccination program.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the 2021 Non-Departmental General Fund budget be modified to appropriate up to \$300,000 of additional expenditure authority across appropriations through a transfer from the Non-Departmental Contingency Fund budget for potential overtime, supply, equipment, purchased services, and other expenses related to the community vaccination program and continued response to the pandemic.

FISCAL NOTE

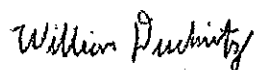
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This ordinance authorizes the Waukesha Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – Public Health program to accept additional federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant funding, provided through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) of \$2,868,600. (This grant award is in addition to the \$1,324,900 of ELC grant funding that was included in the 2021 adopted budget and was intended largely for contact tracing and disease investigation.) These funds can be used for the public health COVID-19 pandemic response, including the continuation of contact tracing/disease investigation and the implementation of a community vaccination program. The degree to which these CDC funds are applied to either operation will depend on the level of future costs incurred and the availability of other grant funds. County administration will continue review and apply for state and federal resources. Currently the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) has been identified as a funding source to reimburse for the cost of community vaccination clinics and above-budget expenses incurred related to the pandemic response that are not otherwise eligible for federal funding or where other federal funding sources are insufficient.

This ordinance also modifies the 2021 HHS – Public Health budget, by increasing personnel costs by \$868,600 and operating expenses by \$2,000,000, and general government revenue by \$2,868,600. Implementing a community vaccination program will require additional operating expenses for supplies and equipment, such as personal protective equipment, disinfectant supplies, and clinical supplies. The community vaccination program will also require significant additions of staff, such as registered nurses, emergency medical supervision, security, supervision, and clerical support. Additional limited-term employees (LTE's – county-employed temporary extra help without benefits) will be accounted for as personnel costs. Additional contracted support, provided through third-party agencies, will be accounted for as operating expenses. Continuing contact tracing and disease investigation will also require significant LTE and contracted staff. The exact combination of LTE's and contracted positions needed remains uncertain, and future funds transfers may be requested.

The county has also requested that departments redeploy regular staff, where appropriate, to quickly establish vaccine clinic operations and to help offset the need of hiring LTE and contracted positions. This is similar to the approach taken during the previous H1N1 pandemic. County employees will be carrying out support tasks, including data entry, observation, registration, and communication. It is expected that much of the staff time incurred by redeployed employees is already in the base 2021 budget and will not result in additional expenses. However, there will be instances where non-salaried employees work additional hours and incur overtime expenses that are not in the base 2021 budget. County administration will review other grant funding to cover these overtime costs, but it is difficult to predict where expenses will occur. The same may be the case for certain supplies, pieces of equipment, and purchased services—which may be necessary to carry out the community vaccination program—that do not have identifiable funding sources at this time. For this reason, this ordinance also authorizes a Contingency Fund transfer to the Non-Departmental General Fund of up to \$300,000 across appropriations (e.g., personnel costs, operating expenses, interdepartmental charges, fixed assets) to allow flexibility in efficiently meeting these needs. The county will track all costs related to the pandemic response and continue to review potential funding sources as they become available, in order to minimize the need for actual Contingency Fund use and any other net costs to the county.

This ordinance does not result in any additional direct tax levy impact.



William Duckwitz

Referred on: 02/04/21	File Number: 175-O-081	Referred to: HS – FI
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Presented by:
Health and Human Services Committee

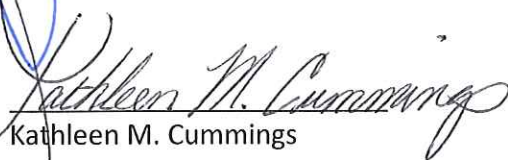
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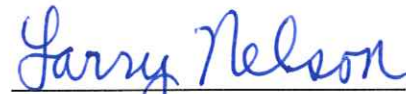

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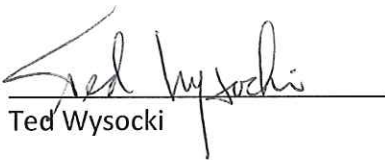

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

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: X
Vetoed: _____

Date: 3/2/2021, 
Paul Farrow, County Executive



VOTE RESULTS: Passed With 17 Yes Votes Needed

AYE: 25 NAY: 0

ABSENT: 0

D1 - Foti	AYE
D2 - Zimmermann	AYE
D3 - Morris	AYE
D4 - Batzko	AYE
D5 - Dondlinger	Motion AYE
D6 - Walz	Second AYE
D7 - LaFontain	AYE
D8 - Michalski	AYE
D9 - Heinrich	AYE
D10 - Swan	AYE
D11 - Howard	AYE
D12 - Wolff	AYE
D13 - Decker	AYE

D14 - Mommaerts	AYE
D15 - Mitchell	AYE
D16 - Crowley	AYE
D17 - Paulson	AYE
D18 - Nelson	AYE
D19 - Cummings	AYE
D20 - Schellinger	AYE
D21 - Gaughan	AYE
D22 - Wysocki	AYE
D23 - Hammitt	AYE
D24 - Whittow	AYE
D25 - Johnson	AYE