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RESOLUTION: Authorize the Winnebago County Finance Department to Accept Reimbursement from the Wisconsin Department of Administration “Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants” in an Amount Up to \$2,773,211, and Appropriate the Funds to Reimbursable Expenses Directly Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic

TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's local governments are on the front-lines of supporting their communities through the COVID-19 health crisis and into economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, the “Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants” are aimed at helping our local government partners address some of their most urgent and unique COVID-19 recovery needs. Administered by the Department of Administration (DOA), Routes to Recovery Grants will be allocated to every Wisconsin county, city, village, town, and federally-recognized tribe; and

WHEREAS, the effort is funded by \$200 million of federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars. Of this, Winnebago County was allocated up to \$2,773,211 of reimbursement funds for expenses incurred between March 1, 2020, and October 31, 2020, in direct response to the COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, the funds available for reimbursement will cover only unbudgeted expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency between March 1, 2020, and November 6, 2020, that fall under the following nine (9) categories:

1. Emergency operation activities and services related to public health, emergency services, and public safety response
2. Paid leave for public health and safety employees to take COVID-19 precautions
3. Increased workers compensation costs due to COVID-19
4. Medical and protective services and equipment, including PPE
5. Testing and contact tracing costs above those covered by existing state programs
6. Temporary isolation housing for infected or at-risk individuals
7. Cleaning, sanitizing, and other costs of COVID-19 mitigation in public areas and facilities
8. Purchases of services or equipment to facilitate telework by public employees
9. Meeting local match requirements for expenses submitted for reimbursement by FEMA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby authorizes the Winnebago County Finance Department to Accept Reimbursement from the Wisconsin Department of Administration “Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants” in an amount up to \$2,773,211, and appropriate the funds to reimbursable expenses directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact. The reimbursement will cover the related expenditures.

Respectfully submitted by:
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Vote: **5-0**
Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

45 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2020.

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Mark L Harris
Winnebago County Executive