



RESOLUTION # 26-9/20

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 9-9

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 27  
Against: -  
Abstain: -  
Abs/Excd: 2  
Vote Req: -  
Other Action: -

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 9  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 0

**RE: APPROVING GLOBAL PLASMA SOLUTIONS (GPS) AIR CLEANING TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR COUNTY BUILDINGS**

**WHEREAS**, research has indicated that air filtration in enclosed spaces improves indoor air quality and reduces the transmission of disease; and

**WHEREAS**, specific technology, known as bipolar ionization, releases charged atoms that attach to and deactivate substances like bacteria, mold, allergens, and viruses; and

**WHEREAS**, Bipolar ionization has already proven effective against SARS, norovirus, and several influenza strains and has been proven in independent testing to provide 99.9% kill rates in various pathogens. GPS will effectively eliminate bacteria, virus, mold and organic compounds by working directly on the air contained in the entire zone and ductwork. The technology destroys the virus surface structure using positively charged (H) and negatively charged (O2) ions; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of equipping La Crosse County buildings, including the Administrative Center, the Health and Human Services building, the Law Enforcement Center, and Lakeview, is estimated to be approximately \$178,470; and

**WHEREAS**, the Facilities Department recommends the implementation of such an air filtration/exchange system and the County Administrator and Finance Department have reviewed the terms of the CARES/Routes to Recovery program and have determined that this qualifies as an eligible reimbursable expense as it relates to cleaning and sanitizing public areas and facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the CARES/Routes to Recovery grant program requires that money be expended by end of year in order to be submitted for reimbursement for COVID-19 response costs to protect public health and safety;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the County Board authorizes the expenditure of up to \$180,000 for the purpose of equipping Administrative Center, the Health and Human Services building, the Law Enforcement Center, and Lakeview with GPS air cleaning technology;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these expenses will be submitted for reimbursement through the Routes To Recovery grant but in the event that the expenses are deemed ineligible will be paid for by the general fund.

**FISCAL NOTE:** The cost of the equipment will be submitted for reimbursement through the Routes to Recovery grant program. If the expense is not reimbursed by Routes to Recovery grant, the expense would be paid out of the general fund (requires 2/3 vote as an unbudgeted expenditure).

Date: 9/9/2020  
[Signature]  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: September 9, 2020  
[Signature]  
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
Fin. Director	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	_____	_____	_____

Requested By: Steve O'Malley  
Date Requested: August 28, 2020  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17 Day of September, 2020

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

[Signature]  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk