



**RESOLUTION #** 61-3/22

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

**ITEM #** 3-7

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 24  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 5  
Vote Req: 12 Full  
Other Action: 0

**VALTC COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted:   
For: 4  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 12K

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

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

**RE: APPROVE FINANCING PLAN, USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDING AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT NEW 48 BED COMMUNITY BASED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY (CBRF) ON THE HILLVIEW CAMPUS**

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Hillview Health Care Center is to create and sustain services delivered in a compassionate manner that respects the unique needs and lifestyles of those in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County has provided long-term care services at the Hillview Campus for over 110 years and the current skilled nursing facility building has reached the end of its' useful life and the cost of remodeling at \$14.8-\$18.7 million would not be cost effective or provide amenities expected today; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a shortage of long-term care beds in our community that could be partially addressed by constructing a new 48 Bed CBRF stand-alone building on the Hillview campus as a first step in the redesign and resizing of campus services, that will enable flexibility in licensing options expand the continuum of care and pursue improved reimbursement rates compared to skilled nursing; and,

**WHEREAS**, staff analysis indicates that over 50% of current Hillview residents are in need of long-term care that can be served in a CBRF instead of a skilled nursing home that will enable a quick transfer for the newly constructed facility as the County decreases the number of licensed skilled nursing beds; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 Budget allocated \$1,230,192 from reserve funds for architectural design and engineering to enable seeking of bids toward a portion of the estimated total \$11.5 million cost for design and construction, under the guidance of Hoffman Planning and Construction, LLC (as approved by the Veterans Aging and Long-Term Care committee); and,

**WHEREAS**, La Crosse County was allocated \$22,923,224 through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026 and the County Board has reserved funding for eight project priority areas as outlined in Resolution #55-1/22 including the Hillview Redesign and Rebuild project; and

**WHEREAS**, staff analysis indicates that the projected operating revenues will be sufficient to cover operating costs and support debt service payments without requiring tax levy support, if \$5 million is authorized from American Rescue Plan Act dollars as an eligible use to continue government services traditionally provided by the County, serving public health needs that have been adversely effected by the pandemic and individuals with complex behavioral and mental health care needs who are predominately low income, evidenced by their reliance upon Medicaid; and,

**WHEREAS**, the design will include seeking bids on the cost of solar electricity as an alternate for the building that can be considered by the County Board to add to the project paid for with additional funding from the American Rescue Funding as reserved in Resolution #55-1/22 for Solar on County buildings, or other funding if approved by the County Board.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board hereby approves the allocation of \$5 million of American Rescue Act dollars as reserved in Resolution #55-1/22 and the issuance of up to \$5.5 million in aggregate principal amount of in General Obligation long-term debt with an amortization not to exceed 20 years from the date of issuance and grants authority to the County Administrator and Executive Director of Long-Term Care to seek bids and proceed with construction of a new 48 Bed Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF), with the Veterans Aging and Long-Term Care committee acting as the building committee on behalf of the County Board during the anticipated 18-24 month construction period.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator, County Board Chair, Finance Director and County Clerk are authorized to take all appropriate actions to effectuate the purpose of this resolution subject to approval as to form by the County Corporation Counsel, including presenting a separate resolution directing the advertisement and sale of approximately \$5.5 million aggregate principal of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of constructing a 48 Bed Community Based Residential Facility on the Hillview campus

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Veterans Aging and Long-Term Care committee shall serve as the building committee overseeing the construction and final design decisions as recommended by County staff under the guidance of Hoffman Planning and Construction, LLC.

**FISCAL NOTE:** This project is estimated to cost \$11,500,000 (plus the cost of debt issuance) to be financed as follows: \$1,230,192 included in the 2022 budget; \$5,000,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act allocation to the County; and up to \$5,500,000 from General Obligation debt with payments to be made from revenues generated by the new facility without tax levy support.

Date: March 7, 2022  
*Daniel Ferris*  
**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

*Joyce McLaughlin*  
**RECORDING CLERK**

Date: 3/9/22  
*Clonice J. Kure*  
**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

*E.T.K.*  
**RECORDING CLERK**

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.				Requested By: Wanda Plachecki and Kelly Kramer Date Requested: February 14, 2022 Drafted By: County Administrator
Fin. Director	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	<u><i>so</i></u>		
Corp. Counsel	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>			
Board Chair	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>			

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17 Day of March, 2022

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 March 2022.

*[Signature]*  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk