



RESOLUTION # 20-10/22

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

ITEM # 10-8

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 25
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 5
Vote Req: -
Other Action: -

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 6
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 2/1

RE: ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO ASSIST CHILD WELFARE-ENGAGED FAMILIES WITH SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY HOUSING NEEDS

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF), under the "Family Keys" housing collaborative, has awarded La Crosse County \$120,000 to assist with the short-term emergency housing needs of child welfare-engaged families who are experiencing housing instability to help ensure that lack of access to housing is not a reason for separating children from their families or a barrier to reunification; and,

WHEREAS, the funding, which is available from July 1, 2022, until June 30th 2023, may be used to cover hotel costs, short-term rent and a variety of other expenses associated with finding and maintaining housing (such as security deposits, housing application fees, utility costs, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, through its acceptance of these funds and participation in the Family Keys collaborative, La Crosse County will benefit by being eligible to apply for additional funding to support more medium-term housing approaches for child welfare-engaged families that can prevent unnecessary family separations, reunify children with their families sooner and offer cost savings to the broader community; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the La Crosse County Board hereby accepts the \$120,000 in DCF Family Keys funding and the County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this resolution, after approval of Corporation Counsel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board Chair is authorized to execute any contracts or documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, after approval by Corporation Counsel; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding.

FISCAL NOTE: Total grant award is \$120,000, with no County match required, and the award period ending June 30, 2023. Operating costs will be tracked under a new division within the County financial system and overseen by the Human Services Department.

Date: 10/11/22
Charles J. Joffe
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 10/11/22
Jeff Buehler
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>JK</u>	<u>JK</u>		Requested By: Jason Witt Date Requested: October 3, 2022 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director				
Corp. Counsel				
Board Chair				

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 20 Day of October, 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 20th day of October 2022.

Ginny Dankmeyer
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk