



RESOLUTION # 8-5/23

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

ITEM # 5-12

**BOARD ACTION**

Adopted: ✓  
For: 5  
Against: 3  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 0  
Vote Req: -  
Other Action: -

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Adopted: ✓  
For: 8  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 1

**RE: APPROVE USE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING FOR SKILLED TRADES TRAINING**

**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,

**WHEREAS**, the County Board has reserved funding for eight project priority areas as outlined in Resolution #55-1/22 including \$2.45 million for Skilled Trades Training; and,

**WHEREAS**, labor shortages in the skilled construction trades slow and increase the cost of important public and private projects in La Crosse County and weaken our local and regional economy; and,

**WHEREAS**, as La Crosse County does not have the capability to develop and maintain a skilled trades training program, a Request for Proposal was released on March 6, 2023 asking for community partners to propose a model for skilled trades training; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse presented a proposal to 1.) provide space for training, coaching and transportation. 2.) Collaborate with organizations such as school districts, technical colleges, the construction sector, and labor unions, to educate young people on skilled trades career paths that lead to productive and well-paid jobs and 3.) Create a local program that works to promote and increase enrollment in existing skilled trades programs that support local industry for at least ten years; and,

**WHEREAS**, community partners, including the City of La Crosse, School District of La Crosse, Couleecap, Kwik Trip and the La Crosse Area Builders Association have indicated support for this model through letters of support.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the La Crosse County Board approves \$2 million of American Rescue Plan Act funding for the funding of a skilled trades training program; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, prior to release of funding, a memorandum of understanding will be approved by the Executive Committee outlining roles and responsibilities between the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater La Crosse and La Crosse County regarding the development of a skilled trades training program.

**FISCAL NOTE:**

Costs totaling \$2 million will be tracked in division 295.770.3744 within the County financial system, Account 64100.02.

Date: 5/10/23  
Amiee Kreese  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 5-10-23  
S.T.K  
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u>JK</u>	_____	_____	Requested By: County Board Chair Date Requested: May 4, 2023 Drafted By: County Administrator
Fin. Director	_____	_____	_____	
Corp. Counsel	<u>MP</u>	_____	_____	
Board Chair	<u>JK</u>	_____	_____	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 18 Day of May, 2023

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

Ginny Dankmeyer  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk