



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

The proposed resolution amends the 2020 Adopted Operating Budget to appropriate funds received through the State Routes to Recovery program. This program was set up to reimburse local governments for unbudgeted expenditures as resulting from response efforts to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the City has incurred \$11.2 million in expenses associated with the COVID response. The largest share (\$2.6 million) of expenses are related to a portion of the Public Health costs associated with the response.

The City of Madison has been allocated \$4.1 million through this program. Recent guidance from the Department of Administration allows local governments to request additional reimbursement above the initial allocation. The City has requested reimbursement for additional expenditures. This resolution allows the Finance Director to accept those funds if awarded. If such award happens, the Finance Director will report back to Common Council how the funds were applied.

Title

Amending the 2020 Adopted Budget to accept and appropriate \$4.1 million from the State of Wisconsin Routes to Recovery program.

Body

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin allocated \$200 million to local governments for unbudgeted expenses through the Routes to Recovery program. Through this program the City of Madison was awarded \$4,156,240; and,

WHEREAS, the Routes to Recovery program requires that funds through the program be used for expenditures that were (1) unbudgeted, (2) necessary to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and (3) incurred on or after March 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison sought reimbursement for costs associated with operating the teams within the City's Emergency Operating Command operations; and,

WHEREAS, expenditures reimbursed through this grant have been incurred in agency budgets. The 2020 Yearend Resolution (Legislative File 62987) adjusts agency budgets to offset any deficits resulting from COVID response costs; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has updated program guidance allowing local governments to submit reimbursement requests for expenditures that exceed their initial allocations. The City of Madison has submitted a request to be reimbursed for \$3.3 million of additional expenditures; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 Adopted Budget is amended to appropriate \$4,156,240 in Direct Appropriations funded by State sources from the Routes to Recovery program. These funds will be appropriated in the 2020 Contingent Reserve.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Finance Director is authorized to accept and allocate up to \$3.3 million of additional Routes to Recovery funding if it is received. The Finance Director will report to the Mayor and Common Council on the allocation of any additional funding received through the Routes to Recovery program.