

Buffalo County Resolution



Drafted By:

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Presented Month/Year:

March, 2021

Involved Committees:

DHHS & Veterans Services

Human Resources

Finance

County Department:

DHHS

Fiscal Impact: YES / NO

CA Approved: YES/ NO

RESOLUTION # 21-03-07

A RESOLUTION TO ADD LIMITED TERM PUBLIC HEALTH WORKER POSITION TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) added three full time limited term positions in 2020 to help its Public Health unit meet the needs of individuals contracting COVID-19 and to support reducing the spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, DHHS permanent staff and limited term staff continued effort to control the spread of COVID-19 now includes providing local vaccination clinics; and

WHEREAS, the operation of these vaccination clinics requires additional support services in order to efficiently function; and

WHEREAS, needed support services include outreach and registration of eligible residents, recruitment of volunteers, billing consultation, and other direct COVID-19 response support activities; and

WHEREAS, a Public Health Worker job description has been created to perform the duties mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has allocated \$86,200,000 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) supplemental funds to local and tribal health departments; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County portion of ELC funds, available for use until November 15, 2022, is \$432,000; and

WHEREAS, less than \$200,000 of the \$432,000 ELC allocation ELC is committed to cover current limited term positions, the public health on-call system, highway shop rental for use for clinic sites, a dedicated staff member to answer COVID related phone calls and law enforcement clinic support. There are sufficient ELC funds available to pay for this limited term Public Health Worker position; and

WHEREAS, the federal COVID-19 relief bill, which if passed would make available additional funds supporting Buffalo County's COVID-19 response efforts.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 22 day of March, 2021.

Reagan Halverson
County Clerk

ATTEST:

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County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

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ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

2021 Salary = \$15.41 X 600 hours = \$9,246

2021 Benefits = Social Security: \$707.32 + Work Comp: \$342.10 = \$1,392

TOTAL IMPACT = \$10,638