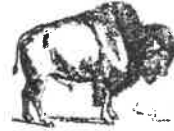


Buffalo County Resolution



Drafted By:

Dave Rynders

Presented Month/Year:

October, 2021

Involved Committees:

DHHS & Veterans Services

Human Resources

Finance

County Department:

DHHS

Fiscal Impact: YES / NO

CA Approved: YES/ NO

RESOLUTION # 21-10-03

A RESOLUTION TO Fund THREE LIMITED TERM HEALTH POSITIONS TO THROUGH 2024

WHEREAS, the Buffalo County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) added three full time limited term positions in 2020 to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and help its Public Health unit meet the needs of individuals contracting this disease by providing education, disease investigation, contact tracing, surveillance, testing and vaccination; and

WHEREAS, these positions are filled by either a Public Health Nurses or a Public Health Educators who are qualified and able to provide education, disease investigation, contact tracing, and monitoring including testing related to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as providing similar services to prevent the spread of other communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), DHHS initially received Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to pay for all the 2020 costs of these three positions and then received Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) funding to pay for all 2021 costs; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2021 DHS informed local health departments remaining ELC funding amounts could continue to be used for providing COVID-19 services but, effective August 1, 2021, ELC funds could no longer be used to fund vaccination activities. DHS provided written assurance it would secure and provide other funding so that local vaccination efforts would continue to be fully funded for the remainder of 2021 and as needed; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2021, in anticipation of needing local health departments to continue its work to mitigate and prevent COVID-19, address disparities of public health outcomes and assist in the recovery from the impact of COVID-19 for the remainder of 2021 and future years, DHS allocated additional ARPA GRANT, IMMUNIZATION/VACCINE GRANT and PHEP WORKFORCE GRANT funding to Buffalo County; and

WHEREAS, as of August 13, 2021, Buffalo County had remaining ELC funds, vaccination administration revenue and additional funding available for the current period through December 31, 2024 approximately totaling \$740,000; and

WHEREAS, a component of DHHS COVID-19 mitigation plan is to continue to provide vaccination services to protect residents against contracting COVID-19, which will generate additional vaccination administration revenue; and

WHEREAS, by October 15, 2021 all three limited term full time public health positions will start receiving benefits having provided a full year of service to Buffalo County. Buffalo County has an ongoing need for the continuation of the services provided by these positions and there is sufficient DHS and third party revenue to fully pay for the salaries and benefits of these positions through 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, effective from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby funds three full time LTE public health positions -for the purposes of providing COVID-19 and other communicable disease services. These positions will end no later than December 31, 2024 unless another resolution is passed by the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors. These positions could be terminated sooner than December 31, 2024 either upon the condition there is insufficient non-county funding to pay for these positions or if the need for the aforementioned services sufficiently reduce to justify a corresponding staffing reduction.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the 25th day of October, 2021.


County Clerk

ATTEST:


County Board Chairperson

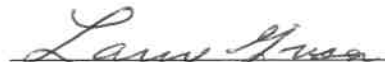
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Veterans/DHHS Committee

Human Resources Committee

Finance Committee

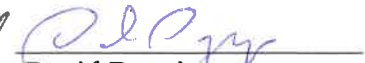

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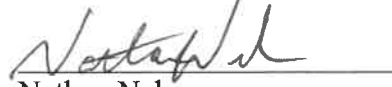

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ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

2021 Health Insurance/Life Insurance = \$6,029.82
2022-2024 Salary/Benefits = \$604,422.96
Less 2022-2024 Generated Revenue Projection of \$80,000

Net Expenditures Applied to Grants = \$530,452.78