RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Human Services Board
INITIATED BY

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Sara Mooren/Phil Boutwell DRAFTED BY

January 5, 2015 DATE DRAFTED

Amending the 2015 Budget to Accept FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) Funding

- WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has requested to contract with the Human Services Department for operation of the FSET program for the first quarter of 2015; and,
- WHEREAS, the state issued a request for proposals for regionalized FSET services starting in 2015 but has delayed implementation by three months; and,
- WHEREAS, the Human Services Department has historically provided FSET services through the Economic Support Division for Rock County; and,
- WHEREAS, the main goal of this program is to enroll FoodShare participants into education and training activities that will allow them to meet their employment goals and increase their earning abilities; and,
- WHEREAS, funding will be used to offset Economic Support Specialist staff time associated with administration of the program and cover other expenses related to the operation of the FSET program; and,
- WHEREAS, the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board was awarded the regional contract for the region that includes Rock County, and will begin operation on April 1, 2015.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 30 day of January, 2015, does hereby authorize the acceptance of an additional \$29,447 for the FSET program; and,
 - **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Human Services Department budget for 2015 be amended as follows:

28		Budget	Increase	Amended
29	Account/Description	1/1/15	(Decrease)	Budget
30	Source of Funds		·	
31	36-3607-0000-42100	\$0	\$29,447	\$29,447
32	Federal Aid			·
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34	Use of Funds			
35	36-3607-0000-64604	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
36	Program Expense		•	,
37	36-3607-0000-68201	\$0	\$26,447	\$26,447
38	Allocated ESS		ŕ	. , , , , , ,

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Respectfully submitted,

Human Services Board

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Absent

Ashley Kleven

Kathy Schultz

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Terry Thomas

Shirley Williams

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of

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Mary Mawhinney, Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith

County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$29,447 in Federal Aid for the FoodShare Employment and Training program. No County matching funds are required.

Sherry Oja

Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2015 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch Corporation Counsel

Amending the 2015 Budget to Accept FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) Funding

Executive Summary

The State has contracted with Rock County Human Services for many years to perform education and training services known as the FSET Program for FoodShare recipients. That arrangement was supposed to end on 12/31/14. The Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board was poised to take over the FSET contract on a regional basis that included Rock County beginning on 1/1/15. For various reasons, the regional roll-out has been delayed by three months. Thus, the State wishes to extend the FSET contract with Rock County Human Services through the first quarter of 2015. The resolution amends the 2015 Budget to accomplish that task.

In recent years, participation in the FSET program by FoodShare recipients has been voluntary. The current State Budget requires all able bodied adults without dependents to participate in the FSET Program. That change goes into effect on 4/1/15 in Rock County. It is estimated the change will affect approximately 2,200 individuals in Rock County. The Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is presently hiring staff in anticipation of taking over the FSET Program.

The Human Services Department, Economic Support Division remains responsible for the administration of the FoodShare program. The new FSET rules with result in a lot of Food Share case modifications and appeals for the ES Case Workers to process. There is \$4.7 million of new funding statewide that will go to the IM Consortia to offset the cost of the workload increase. The break-out of the award has not been announced. It is anticipated that the Human Services Department will bring another resolution forward at a later date to accept the additional funding and to amend the 2015 Budget.