

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Brian Knudson and Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY



3/1/2024
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing Acceptance of Rock County Equity Project Grant Funds

WHEREAS, Alia will award grant funds to the Rock County Human Services Department to provide real-time support to families and kinship providers in order to prevent out-of-home placement and preserve family connections; and,

WHEREAS, this funding allows leaders to be creative and responsive to meet the needs of families; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of this funding is to demonstrate the effectiveness of real-time supports that can prevent out-of-home placements and make a difference for child outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution will give Rock County permission to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$70,000; and,

WHEREAS, this grant, beginning January 1, 2024 for a three year period, will be primarily used to provide tangible support for families impacted by Rock County Human Services Department Child Protective Services Unit in an effort to preserve family connections; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of March, 2024, does hereby accept the grant funds in the amount of \$70,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2024 Rock County Human Services Department budget be amended as follows:

Account	Budget 3/1/24	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds 36-3634-0000-46002 Other Grants & Contracts	0	70,000	70,000
Use of Funds 36-3634-0000-64604 Program Expense	112,040	70,000	182,040

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution accepts and authorizes the expenditure of \$70,000 in grant funds to help support Child Protective Services. No County matching funds are required.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to § 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2023 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to § 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended. These types of flexible funds are a significant asset in supporting families, keeping children safe, improving long-term outcomes, and reducing long-term costs related to expensive out-of-home placements and negative societal impacts historically associated with the child welfare system.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Human Services Board

Human Services Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisors Bostwick, Clasen and Brien voted yes. Supervisors Mawhinney, Beaver and Towns were absent.