

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-139

RESOLUTION BY THE HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A SECURED RESIDENTIAL CARE CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (SRCCCY) AND TRANSFER OF CAPITAL FUNDS

To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:

WHEREAS, 2017 Wisconsin Act 185 requires the Wisconsin Department of Corrections to permanently close the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lakes Schools;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 185, counties may design and construct secured residential care center for children and youth (“SRCCCY”) and apply for a grant to pay 95% of designing and constructing SRCCCYs;

WHEREAS, Act 185 creates a 10-member Grant Committee to oversee the grant program and establish requirements, guidelines, and criteria for grant proposals and for awarding grants;

WHEREAS, Act 185 requires a county to do all of the following in developing its grant application: (1) consider best practices in designing and operating facilities that hold juveniles in secure custody; (2) consider the feasibility of developing an existing facility into an SRCCCY; and (3) solicit input from juvenile court judges;

WHEREAS, the current deadline for counties to submit Grant Applications to the Grant Committee is March 31, 2019;

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2017-121, the Racine County Board of Supervisors recognized that the County seeks to broaden the reach of its diversionary program to improve long-term youth trajectories through partnership with the state and establishment of a SRCCCY that incorporates best practice and evidence-based programming and formally expressed its support of state legislation authorizing establishment of SRCCCYs;

WHEREAS, in order to submit a Grant Application that meets the criteria of Act 185, the County will need to enlist professional architectural services for design, site selection, infrastructure, and construction cost estimates;

WHEREAS, the 2019 Capital Budget has \$100,000 approved for architectural design of a mental health building at the Racine County Dennis Kornwolf Service Center;

WHEREAS, the Racine County Human Services Department wishes to utilize those funds via a transfer as needed to cover the pre-design costs incurred relative to its Grant Application for design and construction of a SRCCCY;

WHEREAS, submission of a Grant Application would not commit the County to design and construct a SRCCCY if approved and awarded by the State of Wisconsin; rather, in the event of such award, formal authorization by the Board of Supervisors to accept Wisconsin grant monies and to proceed with the actual design and construction would still be required;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the Human Services Department is hereby authorized and approved to submit a Grant Application to design and construct a SRCCCY in Racine County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the transfer of funds, as set forth in Exhibit "A" that is attached hereto, within the Capital Buildings and Facilities – Racine County Dennis Kornwolf Service Center 2019 budget is hereby authorized and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

**HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading _____

Scott Maier - Chairman

Adopted _____

Kay Buske, Vice-Chairman

For _____

Against _____

Absent _____

Robert N. Miller, Secretary

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

