

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-128

**RESOLUTION BY THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$50,000.00 FROM UNRESTRICTED – RIDGEWOOD
RESERVES AND TRANSFER OF \$50,000.00 TO THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES 2020
BUDGET FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF RACINE PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT FOR THE RACINE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the use of
and the transfer of funds, as set forth in Exhibit "A" that is attached hereto, from the
Unrestricted – Ridgewood Reserves budget to the Cultural Activities 2020 Budget is
hereby authorized and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

**FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION

Robert N. Miller, Chairman

Adopted _____

For _____

Against _____

Brett A. Nielsen, Vice-Chairman

Absent _____

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

Q.A. Shakoor, II, Secretary

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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

3 **INFORMATION ONLY**

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5 **WHEREAS**, Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) are community-based
6 health care providers that provide outpatient primary care services in underserved
7 areas; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, FQHCs qualify for specific reimbursement under Medicare and
10 Medicaid and include awardees of the Health Resources and Services Administration
11 (“HRSA”) Health Center Program and federally designated Health Center Program look-
12 alikes; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, they are vital to providing affordable, accessible, quality, and value-
15 based primary health care to millions of people – regardless of insurance status or
16 ability to pay; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, the lack of a federally qualified health clinic has had a negative
19 impact on the community health indicators such as infant mortality; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, nationwide, 1 in 12 people rely on FQHCs; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, in a community of almost 200,000 with over 25,000 individuals
24 living in poverty, having a fully functional, independent FQHC is a vital safety net; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, there are no comparable communities in Wisconsin with the health
27 disparities and poverty levels we experience without the benefit of high-quality primary
28 care services afforded by having an FQHC; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, FQHCs have a tremendous impact on community health; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, FQHCs provide a comprehensive set of health services including
33 primary care; behavioral health; chronic disease management; preventive care; and
34 other specialty, enabling, and ancillary services (*e.g.*, radiology, laboratory, dental,
35 transportation, translation, and social services); and

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37 **WHEREAS**, health disparities are lower, and patients perform better on
38 ambulatory care measures than those in private care; and

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40 **WHEREAS**, FQHCs also promote economic growth and offer savings to our
41 entire health system as costs are 24 percent lower in FQHC settings than in private
42 settings; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, additionally, the dramatic rise in the cost of health care in the last 15
45 years has resulted in a 150% growth of patients who utilize FQHCs as the setting for
46 their primary care; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, Racine County is part of a diverse coalition of government, health
49 care, business, faith-based, community-based and philanthropic stakeholders that has
50 convened over the past two years to help bring an FQHC to Racine County; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, FQHCs achieve financial solvency through enhanced Medicaid
5 billing as well as eventually a federal designation and annual grant; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, however, initial start-up funding necessary to sustain a project is
8 most effectively attained through strong public/private partnerships; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, to that end, the County played a key role, along with other
11 stakeholders, in successfully lobbying Ascension to commit \$1 million dollars toward the
12 establishment of a FQHC in Racine; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, on December 18th, Racine County was notified that Ascension will
15 donate \$1 million to be paid over five (5) years to assist with not only startup costs, but
16 the overall operating budget; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, Gateway Technical College and the City of Racine have both
19 committed \$50,000.00 toward year one costs; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Racine County Executive requests that Racine County
22 contribute \$50,000.00 out of Ridgewood Reserves – payable to the already established
23 501(c)(3) of the Racine Community Health Center – for initial infrastructure start-up
24 costs for this critical community need to improve access to high-quality health care and
25 support healthier lifestyle options; and

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27 **WHEREAS**, construction of the clinic on the garden level of Julian Thomas
28 Elementary School has already begun; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, this community school location will ensure that students, families,
31 and residents will enjoy increased access to health care services while making the
32 school the center of the neighborhood.

EXHIBIT "A"

Fiscal Year: **2020**

ACCOUNT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	CURRENT BALANCE	TRANSFER	BUDGET AFTER TRANSFER	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER
GENERAL FUND	NOT IN BUDGET BOOK					
URD - RIDGEWOOD RESERVE	10.257550	4,990,577	4,990,577	(50,000)	4,940,577	4,940,577
	TOTAL SOURCES			<u>(50,000)</u>		
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	2020 BUDGET PAGES 42-2					
C/S - CITY OF RACINE RCHC	New Account	0	0	50,000	50,000	50,000
	TOTAL USES			<u>50,000</u>		
				<u><u>0</u></u>		

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

After reviewing the Resolution/Ordinance and fiscal information supplied, your Finance Committee recommends FOR--AGAINST adoption.

REASONS

FOR	AGAINST