

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-76

RESOLUTION BY THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZING A NEW ARPA PROJECT SUPPORTING RACINE COUNTY ZOO, HERITAGE MUSEUM, VETERANS OUTREACH OF WISCONSIN, HALO, RACINE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, AND BELEAF SURVIVORS WITH THE USE OF SUFFICIENT FUNDS WITHIN THE ARPA 2024 BUDGET

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that a new ARPA Project supporting Racine County Zoo, Heritage Museum, Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin, Halo, Racine County Agricultural Society, and BeLEAF Survivors is authorized and approved; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that the use of sufficient funds as set forth in Exhibit "A," that is attached hereto, within the ARPA 2024 Budget is authorized and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading _____

FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2nd Reading _____

BOARD ACTION
Adopted _____
For _____
Against _____
Absent _____

Donald J. Trottier, Chairman

Robert N. Miller, Vice-Chairman

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 M.E.

Jody Spencer, Secretary

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

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

Date: _____,

County Executive

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WHEREAS, the 2025 budget includes a reduction of cultural activities budget by half; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Kramer, Supervisor Trottier, and Supervisor Spencer expressed support for restoring the cultural activities budget; and

WHEREAS, Vice Chairman Maier also expressed support in restoring Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin and HALO; and

WHEREAS, in response to public comment given at the October 24, 2024 County Board meeting, Chairman Kramer requests \$25,000 allocation to BeLEAF Survivors; and

WHEREAS, the total request is \$137,500 and this will restore the cultural activities budget by adding \$112,500 to the 2025 budget allocation as well as a new allocation of \$25,000 for BeLEAF Survivors; and

WHEREAS, these allocations may be funded by ARPA funds from projects that ended with budget remaining; and

WHEREAS, projections indicate that \$1.8 million will be available by the end of 2024; and

WHEREAS, this is a restoration of original cuts using one-time ARPA funds that will not be available in the future; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with Resolution 2024-25, any remaining ARPA budget that has been previously authorized but remains unexpended at the end of 2024 will be used for the design and construction of the Mental Health building.

