

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Katherine Luster
INITIATED BY



2/15/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Amending the 2022 Human Services Department Budget to Accept Relative Caregiver Support Grant Funds

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families has awarded the Human Services Department \$7,849; and,

WHEREAS, this funding is for the start-up of Relative Caregiver Support Groups; and,

WHEREAS, HSD will utilize the funding to contract with The Foster Lane, who will facilitate 2 cycles of a relative caregiver support group based on the Parenting from the Inside Out curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, the relatives will receive education on how to better support and parent the children in their home, all while exploring their own lived experiences and how it impacts their day to day functioning as a caregiver; and,

WHEREAS, the goal is for caregivers to have a better understanding of how their life history impacts their parenting, increase their ability to respond in trauma-informed ways, and help caregivers and children thrive together; and,

WHEREAS, the funding period for the grants is October 1st, 2021 through September 29th, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 24th day of March, 2022 does hereby authorize the acceptance of the Relative Caregiver Support grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Services Department budget for 2022 be amended as follows:

	Budget	Increase	Amended	
Account/Description		<u>2/15/22</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>				
36-3634-0000-42200 State Aid	\$0		\$7,849	\$7,849
<u>Use of Funds</u>				
36-3634-0000-62119 Other Contracted Services		\$1,092,296	\$7,849	\$1,100,145

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution accepts and authorizes the expenditure of \$7,849 in state aid for caregiver support. 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 2022 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.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Human Services Board

The Human Services Board approved the resolution unanimously.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Fox was absent.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families awarded the Human Services Department \$7,849 for Relative Caregiver Support Grant funds.

With this grant, The Foster Lane will facilitate 2 cycles of a relative caregiver support group based on the Parenting from the Inside Out curriculum. Should COVID numbers and staffing allow, the group will be facilitated in a hybrid format, with one Foster Lane staff attending via zoom, giving participants the option to participate virtually, and one Foster Lane staff attending in person, giving participants the option to participate in person. This can be shifted to a virtual platform only if needed. The two groups can have 25 participants each, serving up to 50 relative caregivers throughout the grant cycle. The Foster Lane will work in coordination with Rock County CPS, the Permanency Resource Supervisor, and Rock County Substitute Care Specialists to inform potential participants of the group and invite them to participate. Throughout the course of the group, participants will receive education on how to better support and parent the children in their home, all while exploring their own lived experiences and how it impacts their day to day functioning as a caregiver. The goal is for caregivers to have a better understanding of how their life history impacts their parenting, increase their ability to respond in trauma informed ways, and help caregivers and children thrive together. In collaboration with Rock County, The Foster Lane will need to develop a session evaluation to be administered following each group. The results will need to be reviewed and sent to the Rock County Permanency Resource Supervisor within a week of each group. Should the evaluations indicate changes need to be made, The Foster Lane and the Permanency Resource Supervisor will work together to ensure participants needs are being met.

The funding period for this grant is October 1st, 2021 through September 29th, 2022.