

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Peer, Supervisor
Bostwick, & Supervisor Leavy
INITIATED BY



11/29/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Providing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding to HealthNet to Sustain Critical Services for Rock County Residents

WHEREAS, HealthNet of Rock County is Rock County’s only free and charitable clinic and has been providing services to Rock County’s uninsured and under-insured residents as a 501(c)3 nonprofit since 1994; and

WHEREAS, Rock County and HealthNet have long been partners in ensuring County residents receive the health and medical services they need; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2022-23, HealthNet started providing behavioral health services, providing 1,374 visits to 163 unique individuals; and

WHEREAS, HealthNet has expanded its dental services, increasing dental visits from 8,412 in FY 2021-22 to 11,464 in FY 2022-23, or by 36 percent, while the unique number of individuals receiving dental services increased to 4,390, or by 23 percent; and

WHEREAS, inflationary increases have negatively impacted HealthNet’s ability to afford medical supplies and equipment; and

WHEREAS, costs increases related to inflation and new service offerings have increased at a greater rate than the revenues needed to substation those operations; and

WHEREAS, HealthNet is in immediate need of additional resources to sustain its operations or it may be forced to cease operations; and

WHEREAS, providing \$700,000 in ARPA funding will ensure that HealthNet clients, who are in a category that were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, can continue to receive critical services for a period of approximately six months while HealthNet finalizes a plan for improving organizational stability; and

WHEREAS, if HealthNet were no longer providing services in the community, the County and its clients would be negatively impacted due to destabilized health and an increased number of residents seeking assistance from the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14th day of December, 2023, does hereby provide \$700,000 to HealthNet of Rock County to sustain its ability to provide critical health services in the community until it can develop a long-term funding plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, HealthNet will provide monthly reports to the Board of Health on its use of these funds, as well as its long-term plan for financial sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2023 Rock County budget be amended as follows:

Account	Budget	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
Source of Funds			

19-1980-2901-64320	\$2,730,596	(\$700,000)	\$2,030,596
Use of Funds			
19-1901-1601-64604	-0-	\$700,000	\$700,000

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution allocates \$700,000 to HealthNet dental services from the Small Business/Non-Profit grant program. There has currently been approximately \$1.2 million spent from the Small Business/Non-Profit grant program. So, this amendment would leave approximately \$800,000 in funding for new Small Business/Non-Profit grants.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2024 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. It is important that HealthNet continues to provide critical health care services to disadvantaged members of our community. The development of a long-term financial plan should provide confidence that HealthNet will be financially sustainable going forward and not need this level of funding to support operations in the future.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Board of Health

Board of Health recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee

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