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3 **RESOLUTION: Approving \$_____ from the Spirit Fund's Government**
4 **Identified Community Projects Category to Expand the Childcare Space and**
5 **Program Offerings at the Oshkosh YMCA**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, childcare is essential for growing economic development and worker stability; and

9 **WHEREAS**, when the community was at risk of losing available childcare spaces, the Oshkosh Community
10 YMCA (hereinafter "YMCA") stepped up to meet that need; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the YMCA has 3 full-time Childcare centers, located at the 20th Ave YMCA, Downtown YMCA,
12 and its newest addition, located on the UWO campus; and

13 **WHEREAS**, YMCA's program expansion provides a safe and healthy option for families in need of childcare
14 and with few alternatives; and

15 **WHEREAS**, with a total cost of \$3,832,438, and the YMCA requesting \$500,000 from the ARPA Commission
16 for this undertaking, this project increases childcare capacity by adding 40-50 slots.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that \$_____
18 from the Spirit Fund's Government Identified Community Project category be approved to expand childcare space and
19 program offerings at the YMCA. This funding is contingent on the YMCA remaining committed to its mission to
20 strengthen the lives of individuals, families, and the community.

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that upon completion, the
22 YMCA will submit supporting documentation to the Winnebago County Finance Director outlining the expenditures.
23 The documentation will be submitted within 6 months of the completion of the project but not to exceed 5 years from
24 date of disbursement.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that the YMCA shall be
26 responsible for reimbursement to Winnebago County for any disbursed funds which are determined by Winnebago
27 County to have been misused or misappropriated. Any reimbursement of funds which is required by Winnebago
28 County shall be due within 45 days after giving written notice to recipient of such misuse or misappropriation.

29 *Fiscal Note: This resolution will not amend the County Budget. \$_____ will be authorized for use from the*
30 *Spirit Fund.*

31 Respectfully submitted by:

32 **ARPA STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES COMMISSION**

33 Commission Vote:

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35 Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____, 2023.

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40 Jonathan D. Doemel
41 Winnebago County Executive

Resolution Number:

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: 12/14/2023
FROM: Winnebago County Executive's Office
RE: Oshkosh YMCA

General Description:

The Oshkosh Community YMCA is a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to enhance lives by providing quality programs and facilities which will develop and maintain our community's values and ideals. The YMCA is a place for all- which means that no person shall ever be denied the services of the YMCA due to financial reasons. At the Y, strengthening community is our cause. Every day, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow & thrive.

One of 3 full-time childcare centers run by the Oshkosh YMCA , this facility is conveniently located at the 20th Ave Y. The organization's award winning day care program offers a variety of unique benefits and a caring staff. The state-of-the-art facility has everything a child needs to learn, play, and explore. With so many demands on today's families, parents need all the support they can get. That's why the Oshkosh Community YMCA offers full-time Childcare options to meet the needs of each family's busy schedule. The Y is committed to nurturing children's minds, uplifting their hearts, and making families stronger.

Action Requested:

Oshkosh YMCA is requesting \$500,000 to help expand childcare space and program offerings (a \$3,832,438.00 total project) to address the childcare shortage in Winnebago County

Procedural Steps:

Committee of Jurisdiction: ARPA Strategy & Outcomes Commission Meeting date: 12/14/2023

Background:

The Oshkosh Community YMCA has 3 full-time Childcare centers, conveniently located at the 20th Ave Y, Downtown Y, and our newest addition, located on the UWO campus. When the community has been at risk of losing available childcare spaces, the YMCA has stepped up to meet that need, and this expansion project continues to deliver on the promise. And while this project expansion does increase ongoing operating costs, that difference is made up with additional families paying for childcare, not higher childcare costs, and private donations.

With a total project cost of \$3,832,438.00 that increases childcare capacity but an added 40-50 slots, this program expansion provides a safe and healthy option for families most in need and with the fewest alternatives when it comes to childcare needed to maintain employment at a cost that allows families a chance to make ends meet. As the Oshkosh community has learned in recent years, childcare is essential for growing economic development and worker stability.

Policy Discussion:

The commission has recognized Government Identified Community Projects that support or enhance county services:

- 1) Oshkosh YMCA increases the number of available placements in a safe, fun, educational childcare setting that allows children in the Oshkosh community to grow up healthier and more connected to one another. The YMCA childcare programs complement work being done in the Winnebago County Health Department, Human Services, and Parks Department.
- 2) Oshkosh YMCA childcare programs are an essential piece of the economic puzzle in Winnebago County. These ARPA funds requested help to ensure more families have the childcare they need to remain in Winnebago County and demonstrate broad support for this important program expansion.

Attachments: