

**AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA)
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (LEA) SAFER COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM**

The United States Department of the Treasury distributed to the Wisconsin Department of Administration, ARPA funding for the LEA Safer Communities Grant Program. The Sheriff's Office received an award of \$335,683 as part of this grant program for reimbursable expenses incurred from March 15, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for costs associated with Deputy hiring, training, testing, equipment needs, to update technologies and policies, and for implementing crime reduction initiatives.

2022 RES-204 authorized acceptance of the LEA Safer Communities Grant Program funding of \$335,683 with the condition that prior to expenditure of Grant funding, the Sheriff must obtain County Board approval for use of the Grant funds.

The Sheriff's Office has identified grant permitted use of funds to offset the cost associated with equipping Deputies with radios and seeks approval to purchase digital portable radios and spare batteries with the Grant funding. Portable radios are a mission-critical piece of life safety equipment for law enforcement officers. Radios are used by Deputies to receive and transmit crucial information including assignments, are used to summon assistance, broadcast alarms, and to coordinate activities. Radio communication failure is catastrophic and could result in loss of life for citizens and law enforcement officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheriff's Office is hereby authorized to purchase digital portable radios and spare batteries with the LEA Safer Communities Grant Program funding in the amount of \$335,683.