



**AGENDA**  
**Committee on Finance & Budget**

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

4:00 p.m.

Courthouse – Room #1301/1302  
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

**Join by Phone:**

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A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting;  
however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Meeting Minutes / Discussion – Action
5. In Rem Process / Discussion
6. Proposed Resolution 23-24/066 “Approving the Eau Claire County Opioid Task Force to Expend Funding for a Public Health Specialist in the Eau Claire City-County Health Department” / Discussion – Action
7. Proposed Resolution 23-24/060 “Approving the Eau Claire County Opioid Task Force to Expend Funding for Peer Support Training in Eau Claire County” / Discussion – Action
8. Proposed Resolution 23-24/067 “Resolution Recommending Prior to Relocation of the Refugees, World Relief Arrange an Independent Economic Impact Study Regarding Costs to Taxpayers be Completed and Reviewed by the County Board of Supervisors and a Disclosure from World Relief Regarding How the Capacity of 75 Primary Resettlement Refugees was Determined” / Discussion – Action
9. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Interest Income / Discussion – Action
10. Proposed Resolution 23-24/061 “Designating American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) Funds to Be Used for the Jail Remodel Project Located at 710 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Eau Claire Wisconsin 54703” / Discussion – Action
11. Proposed Resolution 23-24/065 “Resolution to Use a Portion of the Remaining American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds for Capital Projects at Beaver Creek Reserve” / Discussion – Action
12. Community Agency Funding for Children’s WI / Discussion – Action
13. Moody’s Rating Release / Discussion

Agenda items are linked to supporting documentation.

There are also bookmarks to navigate through the document.

Prepared by: Amy Weiss

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14. Sales Tax Report / Discussion
  
15. Future Meetings and Agenda Items / Discussion
  - a. Regular December meeting
  - b. Contract Review
  - c. Code Section Review
  
16. Adjourn

Prepared by: Amy Weiss

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**MINUTES**  
**Committee on Finance & Budget**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**  
6:00 p.m.  
Courthouse – Room #1301/1302  
721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

**Members Present:** Supervisors Jim Dunning, John Folstad, Robin Leary, Cory Sisk, Dane Zook

**Staff Present:** Jason Szymanski, Finance Director; Kathryn Schauf, County Administrator; Tiana Glenna, Criminal Justice Services Director; Ron Schmidt, DHS Deputy Director; Josh Pederson, Parks Director; Amy Weiss, Senior Accounting Manager

Chair Zook called the Committee on Finance & Budget to order at 6:00 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

The Finance Director took roll call. Members present are indicated above.

No members of the public were present.

**Review of Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Sisk moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

**Proposed Resolution 23-24/057 “Authorizing a 2023 Budget Amendment for Approval of 2023 Grant Awards, Donations, and Other Revenue Given to Eau Claire County”**

Motion: Leary moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

**Proposed Resolution 23-24/055 “Creating 1.0 (FTE) Grant Funded Data Analyst Position in the Criminal Justice Services Department”**

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

**Proposed Resolution 23-24/059 “Creating 1.0 (FTE) Grant Funded Deflection Program Case Manager Position in the Eau Claire County Department of Human Services”**

Motion: Folstad moved approval as presented

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

**Proposed Resolution 23-24/064 “Granting the Use of Contingency Funds and Authorizing the Parks and Forest Department to Apply for the Wisconsin Municipal Dam Grant in Order to Repair the Altoona Dam”**

The committee raised concerns about the accuracy of the estimated repair amount. Construction costs before the grant award are not eligible for grant reimbursement.

Motion: Leary moved approval to use 2023 contingency funding for grant repairs

Vote: 5-0 via voice vote

Future Meetings: December 14

Agenda Items: Contract Review, Code Section Review

The committee adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Amy Weiss  
Committee Clerk

FACT SHEET for  
File No. 23-24/066

Funding Proposal: Coordination of Opioid and Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Initiatives

Through September 2023, grant funding sustained the efforts of a Public Health Specialist at the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. The specialist's responsibilities encompassed:

1. Coordinating the distribution of harm reduction tools (Narcan, fentanyl test strips) and medication safety supplies (lock bags, boxes, medication deactivation kits).
2. Conducting educational initiatives and awareness campaigns on opioid and overdose prevention through workshops and materials aimed at equipping community members with knowledge and tools to address the opioid crisis.

Educational efforts included:

- "What do you know about opioids?" workshop covering local opioid data, opioid basics, recognizing and responding to an opioid overdose, safe storage, and disposal of medication, and how to use Narcan® and FTS.
- Development of educational videos: a 60-second Medication Safety video, a series of drop box location videos, a 30-second video on understanding opioids, and a 30-second video on recognizing an overdose.
- Creation and distribution of print materials, covering topics such as recognizing and responding to an opioid overdose, using Narcan and fentanyl test strips, and a comprehensive resource packet titled "This Packet Can Save a Life."

Over the past few years, these programs have expanded, reaching around 800 community members through workshops in 2022 and 2023. In 2023 alone, over 1500 doses of Narcan, more than 2300 fentanyl test strips, and over 2000 medication safety tools have been distributed. Communication strategies, including TV, gas station TV, social media, billboards, and bus ads, have reached thousands of community members in 2023. However, sustaining these efforts requires ongoing funding for staffing, particularly due to changes in the Wisconsin DHS program that led to a loss of financial support for these initiatives.

Fiscal Impact: We are requesting funding for 0.5 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for this position, amounting to \$44,170. This support is crucial for maintaining the program's impact and momentum, including the ECCCHD projects approved by the OSTF for the current year, such as drug/medication/sharps disposal and harm reduction supply distribution. The department has secured the remaining 50% of the costs from an alternative source, emphasizing the need for external funding to ensure the program's continuation.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lieske Giese  
Eau Claire City-County Health Department Director

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3 - APPROVING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE TO EXPEND  
4 FUNDING FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST IN THE EAU CLAIRE CITY-COUNTY  
5 HEALTH DEAPRTMENT -  
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7 WHEREAS on September 20, 2022, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorized  
8 the creation of the Opioid Task Force, and,  
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10 WHEREAS the task force is tasked with recommending uses of the settlement funds for  
11 community assessment and opioid abatement purposes such as expanding addiction treatment  
12 workforce, increasing adoption of clinical best practices, and improving enforcement of mental  
13 health parity and consumer protection laws at the state level; and,  
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15 WHEREAS through September 2023, funding from grants have supported the time of a  
16 Public Health Specialist with the Eau Claire City-County Health Department to coordinator  
17 distribution of harm reduction (Narcan, fentanyl test strips) and medication safety supplies (lock  
18 bags and boxes, medication deactivation kits) and to provide education and awareness related to  
19 opioid prevention through workshops and materials to help community members understand the  
20 opioid crisis and tools to help address it; and,  
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22 WHEREAS the Opioid Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of  
23 Supervisors to approve Opioid Settlement funds to support half (50%) of the cost for the Public  
24 Health Specialist at \$44,170 so that the City-County Health Department can continue to implement  
25 this program.  
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27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eau Claire County Board of  
28 Supervisors hereby approves funding from the Opioid Settlement fund in the amount of \$44,170  
29 (50% of the total cost of the position.)  
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Committee on Finance & Budget

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44 Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AYE \_\_\_\_\_ NAY

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AYE \_\_\_\_\_ NAY

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46 Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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FACT SHEET for  
File No. 23-24/060

The Opioid Settlement Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to allocate \$14,300 in Opioid Settlement funding for the support of Peer Support Training in Eau Claire County. This proposal aims to provide training and technology assistance (if needed) to a maximum of 18 individuals within the county. The Opioid Settlement Task Force, endowed with the authority to:

- Make specific requests for trainers based on lived experience, particularly when the training is tailored to a specific community. The Wisconsin Peer Specialist Employment Initiative (WIPSEI) retains the final decision-making power regarding the selection of two trainers to ensure fairness and equity in training opportunities.
- Define "secondary eligibility criteria" to limit who can apply for training. The Task Force can also establish a selection preference if outlined before the training announcement and application period. Some exceptions may apply, and the final approval for secondary eligibility criteria and selection preference rests with the WIPSEI.
- Actively participate in determining the appropriate training schedule. The training timeline and schedule must align with the parameters outlined in the attached process documents (with some exceptions allowed to support accessibility for participants/trainers). Any proposed alternatives must receive approval from the WIPSEI.
- Specify that individuals eligible for the program must be residents of Eau Claire County with a background in opioid use or lived experience.

Respectfully submitted by,

Renee Sommer  
Vice-Chair of the Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Taskforce

1 Enrolled No.

2 RESOLUTION

3 File No. 23-24/060

4 APPROVING THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE TO EXPEND FUNDING  
5 FOR PEER SUPPORT TRAINING IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

6 WHEREAS on September 20, 2022, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorized  
7 the creation of the Opioid Task Force, and,  
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9 WHEREAS the task force is tasked with recommending uses of the settlement funds for  
10 community assessment and opioid abatement purposes such as expanding addiction treatment  
11 workforce, increasing adoption of clinical best practices, and improving enforcement of mental  
12 health parity and consumer protection laws at the state level; and,  
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14 WHEREAS Peer Support workers are individuals who have been successful in the recovery  
15 process who help others experiencing similar situations; and,  
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17 WHEREAS Peer Support workers engage in a wide range of activities including advocating  
18 for people in recovery, sharing resources and building skills, building community and relationships,  
19 leading recovery groups and mentoring and setting goals; and,  
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21 WHEREAS benefits of Peer Support include reducing distress, depression, anxiety, fatigue,  
22 and isolation, improves skills to cope with challenges and stick to treatment plans, helps gain a sense  
23 of empowerment, control, hope, and optimism and can enhance the quality of life, engagement,  
24 satisfaction, self-esteem, and self-efficacy; and,  
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26 WHEREAS the Opioid Task Force is recommending to the Eau Claire County Board of  
27 Supervisors to support the cost for one-time Peer Support training costs of \$14,300.  
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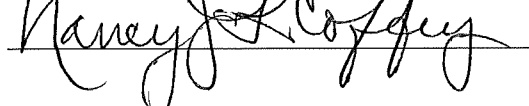
29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Eau Claire County Board of  
30 Supervisors hereby approves funding of \$14,300 for Peer Support Training costs.  
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46 Vote: 4 AYE 0 NAY

47 Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AYE \_\_\_\_\_ NAY

48 Dated this 12 day of December, 2023.

49 Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/067

World Relief Organization has been consulting with City of Eau Claire appointed officials regarding the relocation of 75 refugees to the City of Eau Claire. The elected officials of Eau Claire County were not involved in the discussions or the planning process of the relocation, despite the possibility the relocation could create a strain on resources if assistance is needed for the refugees from the Eau Claire County Department of Human Services. There are concerns regarding the fiscal impact to Eau Claire County taxpayers as the 2024 Eau Claire County budget was already adopted.

More information needs to be compiled and studied prior to any relocation. This resolution recommends prior to the relocation of the refugees, World Relief arrange an independent economic impact study regarding costs to taxpayers be completed and reviewed by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors. It also requests disclosure from World Relief regarding how the capacity of 75 primary resettlement refugees was determined and to allow the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors to study the impact to the 2025 Eau Claire County Budget.

Copies of the resolution will be provided to World Relief, Eau Claire City Manager, the State Refugee Resettlement Coordinator, and all federal, state, and locally elected representatives representing citizens in Eau Claire County by the Eau Claire County Clerk.

Fiscal Impact: Unknown

Respectfully submitted:

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Supervisor Allen Myren, District 9

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Supervisor Cory Sisk, District 8

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Supervisor Larry Hoekstra, District 5

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Supervisor Robin Leary, District 23

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Supervisor Dane Zook, District 6



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4 RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING PRIOR TO RELOCATION OF THE REFUGEES, WORLD  
5 RELIEF ARRANGE AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY REGARDING COSTS TO  
6 TAXPAYERS BE COMPLETED AND REVIEWED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
7 AND A DISCLOSURE FROM WORLD RELIEF REGARDING HOW THE CAPACITY OF 75  
8 PRIMARY RESETTLEMENT REFUGEES WAS DETERMINED  
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10 WHEREAS, the County of Eau Claire is a designated federal refugee relocation city by the Eau  
11 Claire City Manager and World Relief engaged in overseas relief in the State of Wisconsin: and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Refugee Act of 1980 states in 8 U.S.C. 1522(1)(A)(iii) "local voluntary agency  
14 activities should be conducted in close cooperation and advance consultation with State and local  
15 governments (emphasis added); and  
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17 WHEREAS, the Refugee Act of 1980 states in 8 U.S.C. 1522(2)(A): "The Director and the  
18 Federal agency administering subsection (b){1}, shall consult regularly (not less often than quarterly) with  
19 State and local governments and private nonprofit voluntary agencies concerning the sponsorship process  
20 and the intended distribution of refugees among the States and localities before their placement in those  
21 States and localities" (emphasis added); and  
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23 WHEREAS, the Refugee Act of 1980 states in 8 U.S.C. 1522(2)(8): "The Director shall develop  
24 and implement, in consultation with representatives of voluntary agencies and State and local  
25 governments, policies and strategies for the placement and resettlement of refugees within the United  
26 States" (emphasis added); and  
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28 WHEREAS, the Refugee Act of 1980 states in 8 U.S.C. 1522(2)(C)(ii) that the Director of the  
29 Office of Refugee Resettlement will "provide for a mechanism whereby representatives of local affiliates  
30 of voluntary agencies regularly (not less often than quarterly) meet with representatives of State and local  
31 governments to plan and coordinate in advance of their arrival the appropriate placement of refugees  
32 among the various States and localities, (emphasis added); and  
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34 WHEREAS, the City of Eau Claire has been assessing the feasibility of increasing the City's  
35 capacity to host immigrants and refugees with the two goals of addressing employee shortages and  
36 promoting a more multi-cultural community and there has been no disclosure of the data considered; and  
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38 WHEREAS, the relocation of refugees to Eau Claire could impact the quality of life for Eau  
39 Claire County residents due to the possibility of excessive demands on local resources if primary  
40 resettlement continues.  
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42 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors recommend  
43 prior to the relocation of the refugees, World Relief arrange an independent economic impact study  
44 regarding costs to taxpayers be completed and reviewed by the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors.  
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46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED requests a disclosure from World Relief regarding how the capacity  
47 of 75 primary resettlement refugees was determined and to allow the Eau Claire County Board of  
48 Supervisors to study the impact to the 2025 Eau Claire County Budget.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Clerk provide copies of this resolution  
2 to World Relief, Eau Claire City Manager, the State Refugee Resettlement Coordinator, the United States  
3 Secretary of State and all federal, state, and local elected representatives representing citizens in Eau  
4 Claire County.

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19 This 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

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FACT SHEET  
For FILE NO. 23-24/061

Presently, there are approximately \$1,700,000 in unassigned funds in the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) This resolution requests directing \$1,000,000 of the remaining funds toward the Jail Remodel Project, which received approval as part of the 2024 budget. The Eau County Board of Supervisors has tasked the Director of Finance, the Administrator, and the Committee on Finance and Budget with exploring alternative funding sources for various projects.

The safety of our correctional officers as well as safety concerns for the detainees suggests the need to prioritize the Jail Remodel Project. Utilizing a portion of the ARPA funds for the project will certainly help to move this needed remodel forward and hopefully get this project on the docket for completion in FY 2024.

ARPA funds must be designated for use by the end of 2024. This project would be of benefit to the County for several years giving the County a long-term benefit through the utilization of ARPA dollars.

Should the request be denied, and bonding be required for the Jail Remodel Project. A short-term bond would (\$1,000,000 @ 4% interest for 60 months) cost the County approximately \$150,000 in interest. This additional cost would provide nothing of benefit to the County.

Fiscal Impact: \$1,000,000 from the ARPA fund

Respectfully submitted by,

Supervisor Larry Hoekstra  
District 5

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3 DESIGNATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (“ARPA”) FUNDS TO BE USED FOR  
4 THE JAIL REMODEL PROJECT LOCATED AT 710 2ND AVE, EAU CLAIRE WISCONSIN  
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7 WHEREAS Eau Claire County initially received approximately \$20,295,000 from the  
8 federal government under the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (“ARPA”) of 2021. The  
9 payment was made in two installments, with the first installment having already been paid to Eau  
10 Claire County and approximately \$1,700,000 in unallocated ARPA funds remaining at present,  
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12 WHEREAS, among other things, permitted uses of ARPA funds allow counties to use their  
13 designated ARPA funds for a variety of projects consistent with the ARPA regulations and  
14 reporting requirements.  
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16 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors has approved the jail remodel  
17 project in the Eau Claire County budget for fiscal year 2024 and has instructed the Director of  
18 Finance, the Administrator, the Committee on Finance and Budget, and the County Board of  
19 Supervisors to seek alternative funding sources for various projects.  
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21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
22 designate One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) from the existing ARPA funds to be used for the jail  
23 remodel project.  
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Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement

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Resolution 23-24/061

FACT SHEET for 23-24/065  
Allocating American Rescue Plan Funds for  
Beaver Creek Reserve

Beaver Creek Reserve (BCR) is a non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education of both youth and adults. The Reserve comprises the Wise Nature Center, a youth camp, citizen science center, and a charter school and serves West Central Wisconsin. The original reserve was created by Eau Claire County and remains county property. Since 2008 BCR has been operated by the Friends of Beaver Creek. The county financial contribution to the reserve's operations is about 20%. The county provides \$100,000 for capital improvements. Beaver Creek also relies on donations to the Beaver Creek Endowment.

Currently, BCR includes about 400 acres of trails and diverse habitats for exploration. There are five primary structures, including the Citizen Science Center used by Wildlands School, the Main Lodge that includes a kitchen and is available for group rental, the Nature Center where the Discovery Room and gift shop are located, the Cedar Lodge, which also has a kitchen and dormitories for group rentals, and the Hobbs Observatory used by both the Chippewa Valley Astronomical Society, as well as Wildlands School. Additionally, there are five cabins used for youth sleeping cabins for group use and rental.

Given the number of structures and the extent of the camp acreage, there are multiple capital projects for BCR to accomplish for safety, general maintenance, and enhancement.

This proposal asks for \$450,000 of American Rescue Plan funding to assist in the maintenance, repair, and improvement in the grounds and buildings. The intent is to assure long-term growth of youth programming and environmental education, and to provide a vibrant and safe location for youth camping. The investment of \$450,000 would allow Beaver Creek to accomplish about one-third of the capital projects identified on their property/grounds improvement lists.

Respectfully submitted

Heather DeLuka – district 24  
Dane Zook – district 6

5 - RESOLUTION TO USE A PORTION OF THE REMAINING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN  
6 (ARPA) FUNDS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS AT BEAVER CREEK RESERVE -

7 WHEREAS, Beaver Creek Reserve (BCR) is a non-profit organization dedicated to  
8 environmental education of both youth and adults;

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10 WHEREAS, the Reserve was created by Eau Claire County and remains county property;

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12 WHEREAS, the Reserve includes a youth camp, a citizen science center, the Wise Nature Center,  
13 a charter school, and 400 acres of trails and diverse habitats for exploration;

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15 WHEREAS, the primary source of funding is from the Friends of Beaver Creek and the Beaver  
16 Creek Endowment, with an annual contribution from Eau Claire County for both operations and capital  
17 improvements;

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19 WHEREAS, given the number of structures and the extent of the camp acreage, there are multiple  
20 on-going capital projects for BCR to accomplish for safety, general maintenance, and enhancement;

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22 WHEREAS, the County has in excess of \$1.7 million in unallocated funding from the American  
23 Rescue Plan;

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25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors  
26 allocates \$450,000 of ARPA funds to Beaver Creek Reserve to assist in the maintenance, repair, and  
27 improvement in the grounds and buildings.

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the priority of the capital projects to utilize the funding will be  
30 determined by the BCR director and the Friends of Beaver Creek, in consultation with the Eau Claire  
31 County Facilities Director.

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44 Committee on Administration

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Committee on Finance & Budget

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ AYE \_\_\_\_\_ NAY

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

## CHILDREN'S WI – CHIPPEWA VALLEY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

### Contact Information

**Name:** Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center - Vera Matter  
**Address:** 2004 Highland Avenue, Suite M, Eau Claire, WI 54701  
**Email:** [vmatter@childrenswi.org](mailto:vmatter@childrenswi.org)  
**Phone Number:** (715)835-5915  
**Tax Status:** Non-Profit

**Request for funding for the year beginning January 1, 2024: \$ 20,000 .**

### Organization Purpose:

Children's WI – Eau Claire is a community service branch of Children's WI hospital system. The Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center is the program within Children's WI – Eau Claire which is requesting funding. The purpose of the Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center (CVCAC) is to provide forensic interviews for children and youth who have been the victim of a crime (such as sexual abuse, physical abuse, drug endangerment, witness to homicide). The forensic interview is provided at the CAC by a trained interviewer in a child-friendly, trauma informed setting. Advocacy services are provided, as well as mental health services to support the child victim.

### List the major goals of your organization for 2024 and beyond:

- Provide trauma sensitive forensic interviews of children who have experienced physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, drug endangerment, or who have been witness to violent crimes.
- Provide trauma-informed support/advocacy and referral of services for the child victims of violent and sensitive crimes, as well as providing similar services to non-offending caregivers and family members.
- Prevent the abuse of children through the two prior goals, by assisting in the conviction of individual who abuse children (through the forensic interview process) and by providing advocacy and referral for non-offending caregivers and families.

### List the services provided to Eau Claire County residents:

- Trauma informed and child-appropriate forensic interviews provided to the child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, drug endangerment, or who have been witness to violent crimes.
- Advocacy services provided to non-offending caregivers of child victims, as well as to teen victims, including referrals for mental health services, assistance in understanding and navigating the justice system, and connection to any other appropriate and necessary services.
- Trauma informed mental health counseling for child victims.



## CHILDREN'S WI – CHIPPEWA VALLEY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

### **Citizen Participation Rate:**

Between 7/1/22 and 6/15/23, there have been 118 Eau Claire County youth who have been provided with services at the Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center. This is 39% of the total number of youth provided with Forensic Interviews during that time period. In addition, their family (non-offending caregiver) has been provided with advocacy services whenever present. Teen youth have been provided with teen advocacy services.

It is difficult to parse out specific numbers of those served related to the specific funding provided by Eau Claire County. However, if it is assumed that the \$20,000 funding would equal 36% of the Forensic Interviewer's salary, then approximately 88% of the Forensic Interviews alone provided to Eau Claire County youth would equal the funding provided by Eau Claire Co Budget Request monies. The expenditure for mental health services and advocacy would be above and beyond these costs.

### **Which Eau Claire County department do you partner with, and how is this partnership structured?**

Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center works closely with Eau Claire Department of Human Services (Child Protective Services), with the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department, and with the various Police Departments throughout the county (Eau Claire Police Department, Altoona Police, Fall Creek Police, Fairchild Police, and Augusta Police) regarding sensitive crimes against children. These departments refer cases to the Child Advocacy Center for Forensic Interviews. These relationships are governed by the Joint Protocol on a Collaborative Response to Child Maltreatment, as agreed upon by the involved agencies. The involved agencies meet monthly for a Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings, to review cases and review utilization.

### **What funding alternatives do you have if Eau Claire County funding is reduced or eliminated?**

The Chippewa Valley Child Advocacy Center is completely grant and donation funded. Over half of the Child Advocacy Center program costs are supported by Children's Wisconsin, with the rest provided for by grants from the Wisconsin Department of Justice and the Victims of Crime Act. DOJ and Victims of Crime Act monies are expected to decrease significantly in the coming two years.

The Department of Justice has been clear in recent months that monies available for the coming funding cycle will be reduced for all CAC's by approximately 50%. A decrease of this amount makes sustainability nearly impossible, without additional external funding. The additional request to the Eau Claire County budget is just one piece of additional funding being sought, in order to continue providing the services of the Child Advocacy Center.

The absence of the Eau Claire County funding is would be of significant detriment to this program. Alternative funding sources are being sought and must be sought to maintain this program.

## CHILDREN'S WI – CHIPPEWA VALLEY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

**Provide revenue and expense figures for your total organization's actual 2022 activity, estimated actual 2023 activity, and 2024 budget request. Actual revenue and expenditures should not be budget amounts but reflect actual activity.**

*Attach your most recent audited financial statements.*

*Double click in chart below to complete.*

	Actual 2022	Estimated Actual 2023	Budget 2024		
<b>Revenues</b>					
Eau Claire County Funding	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000		
User Fees	-	-	-		
All Other Revenue	19,164	17,000	17,000		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 29,164</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>		
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Salaries, Wages, Benefits	72,706	99,564	102,551		
Supplies & Services	36,559	46,712	48,113		
Capital Outlay	-	-	-		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 109,266</b>	<b>\$ 146,276</b>	<b>\$ 150,664</b>		
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (80,102)</b>	<b>\$ (119,276)</b>	<b>\$ (123,664)</b>		

## ISSUER COMMENT

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## Eau Claire County, WI

### Annual comment on Eau Claire County

#### Issuer profile

Eau Claire County is located in in west central Wisconsin. The county seat of Eau Claire is approximately 90 miles east of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area and 160 miles northwest of Madison.

#### Key indicators

Exhibit 1

#### Eau Claire (County of) WI

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Aa Medians
<b>Economy</b>					
Resident income ratio (%)	102.0%	104.4%	102.1%	N/A	97.7%
Full Value (\$000)	\$9,220,492	\$9,899,767	\$10,591,905	\$11,791,028	\$8,453,079
Population	103,514	104,132	105,206	N/A	90,103
Full value per capita (\$)	\$89,075	\$95,069	\$100,678	N/A	\$96,018
Economic growth metric (%)	N/A	-1.0%	-0.7%	N/A	-0.5%
<b>Financial Performance</b>					
Revenue (\$000)	\$112,939	\$114,120	\$117,240	\$130,257	\$92,906
Available fund balance (\$000)	\$15,200	\$26,107	\$55,060	\$36,121	\$38,190
Net unrestricted cash (\$000)	\$18,419	\$25,243	\$67,387	\$48,806	\$53,439
Available fund balance ratio (%)	13.5%	22.9%	47.0%	27.7%	39.4%
Liquidity ratio (%)	16.3%	22.1%	57.5%	37.5%	62.6%
<b>Leverage</b>					
Debt (\$000)	\$88,115	\$88,774	\$110,838	\$102,959	\$46,481
Adjusted net pension liabilities (\$000)	\$71,867	\$96,963	\$122,957	\$114,925	\$93,617
Adjusted net OPEB liabilities (\$000)	\$1,280	\$1,791	\$2,309	\$2,124	\$8,526
Other long-term liabilities (\$000)	\$5,199	\$5,184	\$4,990	\$4,927	\$4,025
Long-term liabilities ratio (%)	147.4%	168.9%	205.6%	172.7%	186.7%
<b>Fixed costs</b>					
Implied debt service (\$000)	\$6,415	\$6,424	\$6,357	\$7,774	\$3,326
Pension tread water contribution (\$000)	\$2,339	\$1,429	\$1,026	N/A	\$2,307
OPEB contributions (\$000)	\$7	\$7	\$7	\$8	\$186
Implied cost of other long-term liabilities (\$000)	\$394	\$379	\$371	\$350	\$264
Fixed-costs ratio (%)	8.1%	7.2%	6.6%	7.0%	7.2%

For definitions of the metrics in the table above please refer to the [US Cities and Counties Methodology](#) or see the Glossary in the Appendix below. Metrics represented as N/A indicate the data were not available at the time of publication. The medians come from our most recently published [US Cities and Counties Median Report](#).

The Economic Growth metric cited above compares the five-year CAGR of real GDP for Eau Claire, WI Metropolitan Statistical Area to the five-year CAGR of real GDP for the US.

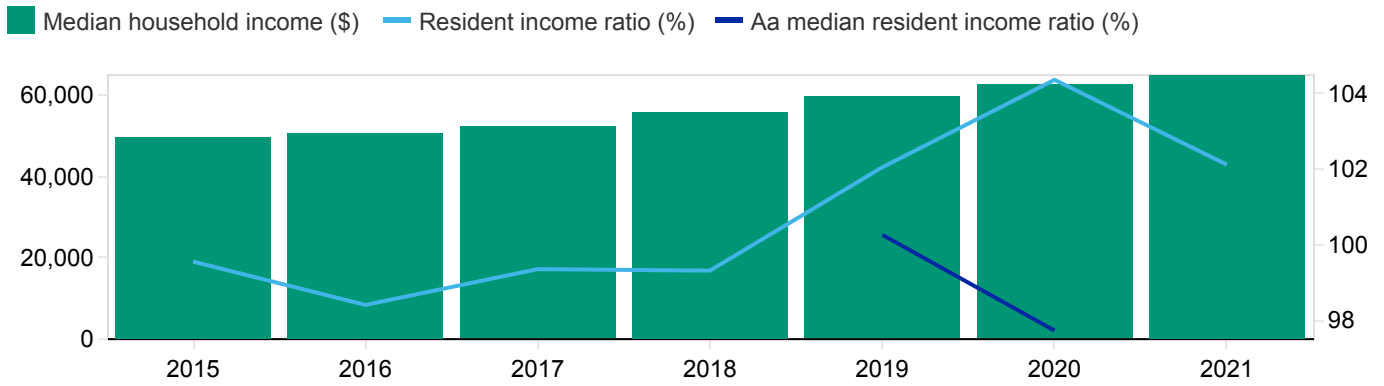
Sources: US Census Bureau, Eau Claire (County of) WI's financial statements and Moody's Investors Service, US Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Credit overview

### Economy

Exhibit 2

#### Resident Income

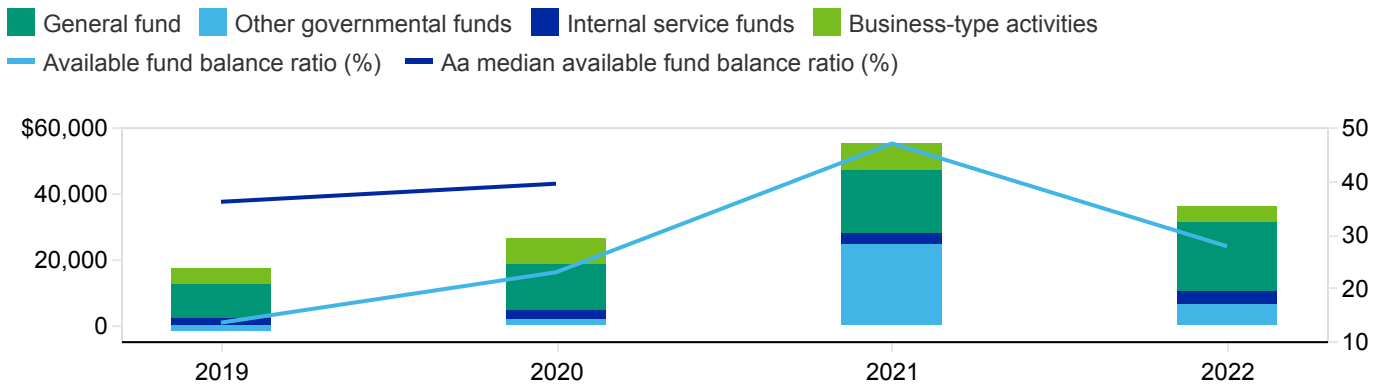


Source: Moody's Investors Service

### Financial performance

Exhibit 3

#### Fund Balance



Source: Moody's Investors Service

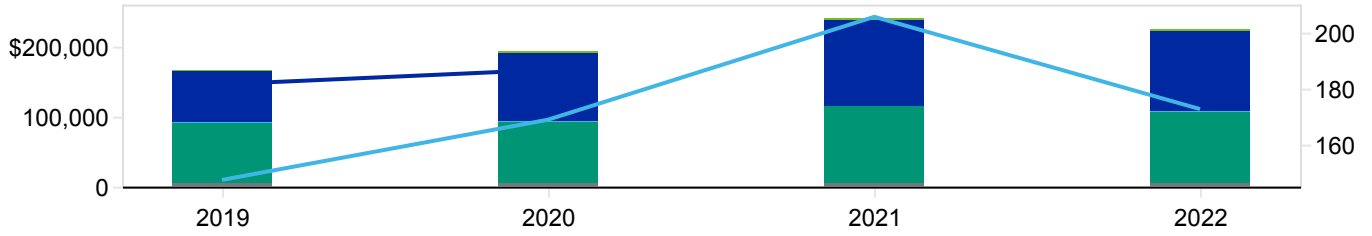
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Leverage

Exhibit 4

Total Primary Government - Long Term Liabilities

■ Governmental Debt 
 ■ Business-Type Activity Debt 
 ■ Adjusted net pension liabilities  
■ Adjusted net other post-employment liabilities 
 ■ Other long-term liabilities 
 — Long-term liabilities ratio (%)  
— Aa median long-term liabilities ratio (%)



Source: Moody's Investors Service

## Appendix

Exhibit 5

### Key Indicators Glossary

	Definition	Typical Source*
<b>Economy</b>		
Resident income ratio	Median Household Income (MHI) for the city or county, adjusted for Regional Price Parity (RPP), as a % of the US MHI	MHI: US Census Bureau - American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates RPP: US Bureau of Economic Analysis
Full value	Estimated market value of taxable property in the city or county	State repositories; audited financial statements; continuing disclosures
Population	Population of the city or county	US Census Bureau - American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Full value per capita	Full value / population	
Economic growth metric	Five year CAGR of real GDP for Metropolitan Statistical Area or county minus the five-year CAGR of real GDP for the US	Real GDP: US Bureau of Economic Analysis
<b>Financial performance</b>		
Revenue	Sum of revenue from total governmental funds, operating and non-operating revenue from total business-type activities, and non-operating revenue from internal services funds, excluding transfers and one-time revenue, e.g., bond proceeds or capital contributions	Audited financial statements
Available fund balance	Sum of all fund balances that are classified as unassigned, assigned or committed in the total governmental funds, plus unrestricted current assets minus current liabilities from the city's or county's business-type activities and internal services funds	Audited financial statements
Net unrestricted cash	Sum of unrestricted cash in governmental activities, business type activities and internal services fund, net of short-term debt	Audited financial statements
Available fund balance ratio	Available fund balance (including net current assets from business-type activities and internal services funds) / Revenue	
Liquidity ratio	Net unrestricted cash / Revenue	
<b>Leverage</b>		
Debt	Outstanding long-term bonds and all other forms of long-term debt across the governmental and business-type activities, including debt of another entity for which it has provided a guarantee disclosed in its financial statements	Audited financial statements; official statements
Adjusted net pension liabilities (ANPL)	Total primary government's pension liabilities adjusted by Moody's to standardize the discount rate used to compute the present value of accrued benefits	Audited financial statements; Moody's Investors Service
Adjusted net OPEB liabilities (ANOL)	Total primary government's net other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liabilities adjusted by Moody's to standardize the discount rate used to compute the present value of accrued benefits	Audited financial statements; Moody's Investors Service
Other long-term liabilities (OLTL)	Miscellaneous long-term liabilities reported under the governmental and business-type activities entries	Audited financial statements
Long-term liabilities ratio	Debt + ANPL + ANOL + OLTL / Revenue	
<b>Fixed costs</b>		
Implied debt service	Annual cost to amortize city or county's long-term debt over 20 years with level payments	Audited financial statements; official statements; Moody's Investors Service
Pension tread water contribution	Pension contribution necessary to prevent reported unfunded pension liabilities from growing, year over year, in nominal dollars, if all actuarial assumptions are met	Audited financial statements; Moody's Investors Service
OPEB contribution	City or county's actual contribution in a given period	Audited financial statements
Implied cost of OLTL	Annual cost to amortize city or county's other long-term liabilities over 20 years with level payments	Audited financial statements; Moody's Investors Service
Fixed-costs ratio	Implied debt service + Pension tread water + OPEB contributions + Implied cost of OLTL / Revenue	

\*Note: If typical data source is not available then alternative sources or proxy data may be considered. For more detailed definitions of the metrics listed above please refer to the [US City and Counties Methodology](#).

Source: Moody's Investors Service

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**Eau Claire County  
Annual Sales Tax Collections**

<b>Month</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>Cumulative YTY Change</b>	<b>2022 % of Budget</b>	<b>2023% of Budget</b>
January	\$ 838,139	\$ 974,265	\$ 946,426	\$ (27,840)	8.31%	7.82%
February	954,608	962,078	811,233	(178,685)	16.52%	14.53%
March	1,035,307	974,660	1,165,157	11,812	24.84%	24.16%
April	1,235,684	1,424,149	1,342,647	(69,690)	37.00%	35.25%
May	1,078,714	1,006,379	1,082,969	6,899	45.58%	44.20%
June	950,114	1,158,908	1,370,565	218,556	55.47%	55.53%
July	1,404,778	1,279,821	1,250,013	188,748	66.40%	65.86%
August	1,145,274	1,107,993	1,095,911	176,666	75.85%	74.92%
September	960,118	1,244,956	1,382,216	313,926	86.48%	86.34%
October	1,245,706	1,329,500	-			
November	890,301	850,175	-			
December	1,208,368	1,418,304	-			
<b>Total YTD</b>	<b>\$ 12,947,112</b>	<b>\$ 13,731,189</b>	<b>\$ 10,447,136</b>			
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 10,500,960</b>	<b>\$ 11,718,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,100,000</b>			
<b>Actual Collections</b>	<b>\$ 12,947,112</b>	<b>\$ 13,731,189</b>				
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 2,446,152</b>	<b>\$ 2,013,189</b>				

Monthly amounts reflect sales tax earned. Payments received approximately two months later.

**Eau Claire County  
Annual Sales Tax Collections**

Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	\$ 633,370	\$ 655,343	\$ 696,710	\$ 755,910	\$ 746,338	\$ 704,798	\$ 919,229	\$ 838,139	\$ 974,265	\$ 946,426
February	689,925	843,563	882,113	628,528	601,096	669,281	801,924	954,608	962,078	811,233
March	852,142	864,937	659,845	914,348	957,986	959,733	682,340	1,035,307	974,660	1,165,157
April	641,812	719,623	933,154	883,529	900,497	854,152	759,489	1,235,684	1,424,149	1,342,647
May	856,800	854,993	880,459	803,003	946,279	1,020,614	1,000,779	1,078,714	1,006,379	1,082,969
June	935,972	835,827	819,172	893,219	1,249,533	1,134,311	1,027,023	950,114	1,158,908	1,370,565
July	764,686	1,031,180	946,348	1,108,995	748,195	763,404	938,683	1,404,778	1,279,821	1,250,013
August	1,004,488	957,996	817,003	829,756	987,184	1,128,758	1,180,465	1,145,274	1,107,993	1,095,911
September	725,272	753,988	906,726	984,452	1,086,193	1,059,516	733,468	960,118	1,244,956	1,382,216
October	830,917	968,167	901,132	933,541	789,472	775,608	1,036,954	1,245,706	1,329,500	
November	934,158	868,976	662,535	652,721	950,828	1,071,365	946,310	890,301	850,175	
December	707,471	708,777	996,080	1,137,837	1,069,954	968,152	955,598	1,208,368	1,418,304	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,577,013</b>	<b>\$ 10,063,370</b>	<b>\$ 10,101,277</b>	<b>\$ 10,525,839</b>	<b>\$ 11,033,555</b>	<b>\$ 11,109,693</b>	<b>\$ 10,982,263</b>	<b>\$ 12,947,112</b>	<b>\$ 13,731,189</b>	<b>\$ 10,447,136</b>
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>\$ 8,586,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,950,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,280,000</b>	<b>\$ 9,600,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,100,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,849,216</b>	<b>\$ 10,850,960</b>	<b>\$ 10,500,960</b>	<b>\$ 11,718,000</b>	<b>\$ 12,100,000</b>
Surplus	\$ 991,013	\$ 1,113,370	\$ 821,277	\$ 925,839	\$ 933,555	\$ 260,477	\$ 131,303	\$ 2,446,152	\$ 2,013,189	\$ (1,652,864)
<b>Total County Taxable Sales</b>	<b>\$ 1,915,402,600</b>	<b>\$ 2,012,674,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,020,255,414</b>	<b>\$ 2,105,167,718</b>	<b>\$ 2,206,710,922</b>	<b>\$ 2,221,938,672</b>	<b>\$ 2,196,452,592</b>	<b>\$ 2,589,422,476</b>	<b>\$ 2,746,237,742</b>	<b>\$ 2,089,427,208</b>
<b>Monthly Average</b>	<b>\$ 798,084</b>	<b>\$ 838,614</b>	<b>\$ 841,773</b>	<b>\$ 877,153</b>	<b>\$ 919,463</b>	<b>\$ 925,808</b>	<b>\$ 915,189</b>	<b>\$ 1,078,926</b>	<b>\$ 1,144,266</b>	<b>\$ 1,160,793</b>

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5 Year Average and Median		
Month	Monthly Avg	Median
January	\$ 876,571	\$ 919,229
February	\$ 839,825	\$ 811,233
March	\$ 963,440	\$ 974,660
April	\$ 1,123,224	\$ 1,235,684
May	\$ 1,037,891	\$ 1,020,614
June	\$ 1,128,184	\$ 1,134,311
July	\$ 1,127,340	\$ 1,250,013
August	\$ 1,131,680	\$ 1,128,758
September	\$ 1,076,055	\$ 1,059,516
October	\$ 1,035,448	\$ 1,036,954
November	\$ 941,796	\$ 946,310
December	\$ 1,124,075	\$ 1,069,954