

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Sheriff Troy J. Knudson
INITIATED BY



Michelle Wilson
DRAFTED BY

**Public Safety and Justice
Committee**
SUBMITTED BY

March 09, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorizing Acceptance of 2021 SSM Health Mini Grant
& Amending the 2021 Sheriff's Office Budget**

1 **WHEREAS**, the SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, makes Mini-grant funds available to local non-profit
2 organizations looking to address a Community Health Need Priority in the area of SSM Health St. Mary's
3 Hospital of Janesville; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, these funds are earmarked to address Obesity, Tobacco Use, Substance Abuse and/or a
6 Social Determinant of Health, such as hunger and lack of access to healthy food choices; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Sheriff's Office RECAP Program is eligible to receive a mini grant of up
9 to \$5,000 to implement the RECAP Garden's new Gardens to Go Program; and,
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11 **WHEREAS**, grant funds will be used for materials and supplies for the RECAP participants to build
12 approximately sixty Gardens to Go planter boxes, seed and soil, which will be distributed to individuals
13 interested in growing their own healthy food; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, the grant requires no matching of funds; and,
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17 **WHEREAS**, the grant funds will benefit the RECAP Programs Participants, by giving them a way to
18 give back to their community, as well as assist the members of the community that are in need of a way
19 to produce their own food, and learn new gardening skills.
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21 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this
22 *25th* day of *March* 2021, that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept funds under the
23 2021 SSM Health Mini Grant and,
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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 2021 budget be amended as follows:
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Account Description	Budget at	Amount	Amended
<u>Account Number</u>	<u>03/09/2021</u>	<u>Incr (Decr)</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
Other Grants			
21-2167-1000-46002	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
Sundry Expense			
21-2167-1000-64904	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000

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Respectfully submitted,

Public Safety and Justice Committee

/s/Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver, Chair

/s/Brian Knudson
Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

/s/Jacob Taylor
Jacob Taylor

/s/Ron Bomkamp
Ron Bomkamp

/s/Danette Rynes
Danette Rynes

Finance Committee

Reviewed and approved on a vote of
5-0

/s/Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution accepts \$5,000 in funds from SSM Health for the RECAP garden program. No County funds are required.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2021 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Authorizing Acceptance of the 2021 SSM Health Mini Grant & Amending the 2021 Sheriff's Office Budget**Executive Summary**

SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital has made funding available for non-profit organizations who are addressing a Community Health Need Priority in the Janesville area. (Obesity, Tobacco Use, Substance Abuse and/or a Social Determinant of Health).

The Rock County Sheriff's Office RECAP Program has applied for up to \$5,000 in funding to initiate the Gardens to Go Program. This program is designed to help the community to fight hunger during these difficult times, as well as provide a way for the RECAP participants to give back to their community. Gardens to Go will provide a self-sufficient way for willing participants to receive the means to grow their own healthy food.

The Gardens to Go planter box kits would consist of a completely constructed planter box, soil, and a variety of seeds that are easy to grow. Gardens to Go would like to offer ten gardens to each of the local food pantries they donate to within Rock County. These organizations would have the responsibility of gathering interested clients who would benefit the most. The RECAP Program Site Supervisor would deliver the raised planters to the clients, if needed, or have a designated pick-up time at the RECAP garden. The Gardens to Grow Program would also like to reach out to schools, homeless shelters, assisted living facilities, church youth groups, etc.

By providing Gardens to Go to those in need, we want to create healthy food choices for the participants, as well as a sense of accomplishment of maintaining their own garden, and the ability to produce essential food sources. Participants would learn valuable gardening skills that they can pass on to others. The educational benefit of this program would be available to the RECAP participants as well, as they will be learning useful life skills, and giving back to their communities.

The SSM Health Mini Grant funds will be used for the purchase of materials and supplies needed to construct the Gardens to Go planter boxes, including soil and seeds.