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Dear Finance and Personnel Committee,

On behalf of Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, I'm writing to express support for the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to sustain and expand The Bridge Project in Milwaukee.

In Milwaukee, where many families remain one unexpected expense away from losing stable housing, flexible cash assistance offers a practical and effective solution. Participants can use funds to cover rent, utilities, and other essentials, helping them stay housed and avoid the disruptive and long-term consequences of eviction.

Using ARPA funds for The Bridge Project supports family stability while strengthening community resilience. By helping families stay housed, it reduces pressure on emergency systems and contributes to more stable neighborhoods.

I urge continued investment in this preventive, evidence-informed strategy. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Colleen Foley
Executive Director