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Milwaukee Co. Supervisor Taylor: 2018 Budget includes $90,000 for youth training programs

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MLWAUKEE – The 2018 Adopted Budget includes an amendment proposed by Supervisors Sequanna Taylor, Michael Mayo, Sr., and Supreme Moore Omokunde to provide job training for youth, with the hopes of reducing recidivism and keeping Milwaukee County youth out of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake.

"We often state that youth are our future. If that is so, then we need to be supporting our youth and allocating resources to help our youth succeed now. With the implementation of these training programs that aim to build up our youth, we expect to see a decrease in incarceration and recidivism. From 2006 to 2010, 55% of youth from the age 14 and a half to 15 recidivated, according to data drawn from Delinquency and Court Services Division. This is unacceptable. We need to invest in our youth today and help them to realize their full potential. The amendment we passed today can do just that," said Supervisor Taylor.

The goal of the initiative is to keep youth out of the troubled Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake facilities, and help ensure that those who have been released from these facilities do not return.

In coordination with Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD), the House of Corrections, My Skill, Project Restoration, and Youth Justice Milwaukee, and other programs, the initiative is aimed at reducing recidivism of Milwaukee County youth

and deterring crime, through job training, resume building, interview preparedness training, and trade skills education.

An appropriation of $90,000 is earmarked to provide matching funds, up to a maximum of $30,000 per organization, for this programming upon the finalization of a memorandum of understanding regarding the scope, services, and availability of matching funds with each organization.

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