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To: Finance Committee

From: Orin Smith, Council Member; Finance Department

Re: Health Focused Vending Machine

Orin Smith is seeking approval to purchase a health focused vending machine in the City of Whitewater. The goal of the vending machine is to provide community members with access to essential health and wellness supplies at no cost. Community members would have access to the vending machine 24/7, especially at times when local stores may be closed. Products that could be stocked in the vending machine could be first aid materials, over-the-counter pain relief, hygiene essentials, overdose response resources and other health related necessities. The goal is to promote public health and increase accessibility to basic wellness items for community members. The vending machine would be located outside the Community Space located on Milwaukee St and items in the vending machine would be available at no cost.

Costs:

Initial set up costs:

SD500R Vending Machine:	$9,800.00
Annual Software Fee:	$ 720.00
Annual Cellular Fee:	$ 180.00
Delivery:	$ 900.00
Total set up cost:	$11,600.00

Ongoing costs:

Annual Software Fee:	$720.00
Annual Cellular Fee:	$180.00

Supplies for Vending Machine: Undetermined expense

Funding considerations:
The request is for $11,600.00 for the initial set up costs, with a possible reimbursement from Walworth County Health Services in the amount of $1,600.00. Net start-up costs would be $10,000.
Ongoing costs for the vending machine (not including inventory supplies) in year 2 would be $1053.00 and would ideally be covered through donations, but in the even donations are not collected or sufficient to cover the annual software and cellular fee these would need to be covered out of the city's general fund. Inventory for the vending machine is expected to be refilled through donations and maintained through the community space. However, in the event donations are insufficient and the community space in not able to maintain the inventory of the vending machine the responsibility would fall to the city for upkeep. This would require a dedicated allocated budget going forward to cover in the event the community space and donations are not sufficient.