



Resolution No. 10 - 21

RES. 10-21: RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT INCREASED FUNDING FOR AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate, unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; and

WHEREAS, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, options and benefits counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, and enrollment processing and counseling; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRC's, 12 multi-county/tribal ADRC's, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; and

WHEREAS, ADRC's serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, the funding method for ADRC's has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding for ADRC's has not increased since 2006; and

WHEREAS, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons, including:

- The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRC's.
- The need to increase funding so that all ADRC's may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; and

WHEREAS, the Office for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; and

WHEREAS, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding formula, such as:

- Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment - older ADRC's (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRC's established at a later date (Generation Two ADRC's and Generation Three ADRC's, such as the ADRC of Chippewa County);
- The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- The current formula does not adjust with need - Wisconsin's aging and disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years;

- 68 • The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments; and
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70 WHEREAS, to address the above ADRC funding issues, it is recommended that
71 \$27,410,000 of additional State General Purpose Revenue (GPR) is needed to implement the
72 recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; and
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74 WHEREAS, such a significant State investment would provide consistency in ADRC
75 funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services
76 contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRC's; and
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78 WHEREAS, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the
79 Governor's Task Force on Caregiving;
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81 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors
82 does hereby support the following increases in the 2021-23 State biennial budget to ensure
83 access to critical services provided by ADRC's to Wisconsin's aging and disability populations:

- 84 • Providing an additional \$27,410,000 in GPR funding to the State's ADRC's.
85 • Providing additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the State to do
86 the following:
87 ○ Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding statewide: \$3,320,000
88 ○ Fully fund Elder Benefit Specialists statewide: \$2,300,000
89 ○ Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
90 ○ Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
91 ○ Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
92 ○ Fund Aging and Disability Resources for Tribes: \$1,180,000
93 ○ Fully fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; and
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95 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Tony Evers, DOA
96 Secretary Joel Brennan, DHS Secretary-designee Andrea Palm, the State Legislators that
97 represent Chippewa County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
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99 Forwarded to the County Board by the Health and Human Services Board.
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101 **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

102 There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.
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104	02/9/2021	County Board
105	RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
106	MOVER:	Kari Ives, District 12
107	SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 1
108	AYES:	Gullickson, Sikorski, Steele, Schmitt, McMenamain, Thornton, Hauser, Mickelson,
109		Shipman, Kervina, Eisenhuth, Ives, Hunt, Hull

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