 <p>Clark County, WI</p> <p>Founded in 1853</p>	Type/Number	Resolution 25-7-24		
	Title	Supporting State Investment for Mental Health Funding		
	Overview/Synopsis	To support state investment in Community Support Programs and Crisis Services		
	Submitted By	Community Services Committee		
	Fiscal Impact	No Fiscal Impact		
	Review (Initial & Date)	Legal	<i>APW</i> 7/23/24	Finance

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WHEREAS, Clark County (“County”) is concerned that the public mental health system in Wisconsin is in need of additional resources to respond appropriately to the needs of individuals with persistent mental illness and those experiencing a mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, state law designates counties with the responsibility for the well-being, treatment, and care of individuals with mental illness, and serving those without private insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Medical Assistance program (MA) covers an array of mental health services, ranging from office-based therapy to inpatient hospitalization, and many of these services are delivered by counties; and

WHEREAS, Community Support Programs (CSP) offer intensive community-based care for adults whose mental illness and functional limitations might otherwise require them to need institutionalized care. Counties use CSP services to keep people out of extended hospitalizations and support people in the community following emergency detentions; and

WHEREAS, counties are required to provide Crisis intervention services including an emergency mental health services program to serve persons in crisis situations; at a minimum, 24-hour crisis telephone service and 24-hour in-person response on an on-call basis; and

WHEREAS, while the state pays the full cost of most MA services, when it comes to county-based CSP and Crisis mental health services, the county finances the cost of the services up front, and receives MA reimbursement for only the federal share for that service, and

WHEREAS, Community Aids funding has not kept pace over the years with increased county costs for services, resulting in counties bearing a disproportionate share of CSP and Crisis service costs from county tax levy; and

WHEREAS, counties are limited in their capacity to use tax levy revenue due to state levy limits, so the lack of Community Aids increases combined with strict property tax controls makes it difficult for counties to maintain Crisis and CSP services; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the costs to county human service departments, counties and municipalities also incur law enforcement costs to transport and provide security for persons in a crisis; and

WHEREAS, the awareness of the 988 National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has made mental health assessment and referral more readily available, resulting in more demand on the mental health crisis systems; and

35 WHEREAS, stagnant state funding results in variations in the extent of services available across
36 counties, wait lists for services, and eligible people receiving limited services; and

37 WHEREAS, the limited state funding for Crisis services makes it difficult for counties to
38 implement new evidence-based services, such as mobile crisis workers that could meet law enforcement
39 officers in the field for crisis calls, that would reduce the need for law enforcement involvement and
40 provide a more trauma-informed response to crisis situations, and;

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42 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's counties continue to cover the costs of mental health services for
43 individuals who are not Medicaid eligible, and;

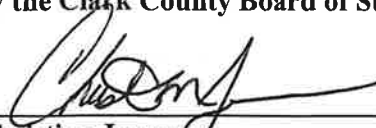
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45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Clark County Board of Supervisors does
46 hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2025-27 state biennial budget, provide state GPR funding
47 to cover the full non-federal share of MA CSP and Crisis services, and;

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49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clark County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed
50 to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State
51 Legislators with a constituency within Clark County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.
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Committee/Board/Supervisor Action	
Committee/Board/Supervisor Name:	Community Services Board
Result/Date:	Approved 07/11/2024
Mover:	Rollins
Second:	Mattes
Ayes:	Kodl, Jalling, Klabon, Rollins, Hoff, Mattes
Nays:	None
Absent:	Schindler, Bredlau, Amacher

Clark County Board of Supervisors Action	
Vote Required:	Majority
Result/Date:	Adopted 07/18/2024
Type of Vote:	Voice Vote
Mover:	Supervisor Gerhardt
Second:	Supervisor Kodl
Ayes:	Mulderink, Wilcox, Klabon, Hoff, Kodl, Kolzow, Jalling, Tyznik, Bower, Smith, Ryan Ashbeck, Johnson, Rueth, Stoecker, Bobrofsky, Hasz, Smagacz, Boon, Trunkel, Gerhardt, Bakker, Neville, Sebesta
Nays:	None
Absent:	Brodhagen, Schindler, Waichulis, Thielman, Riley Ashbeck, Garbisch

I, Christina M. Jensen, Clerk for Clark County, hereby certify that Resolution 25-7-24 was adopted by the Clark County Board of Supervisors at the meeting held on July 18, 2024.


Christina Jensen
Clark County Clerk
Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456

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