



Initial 2025-2027 Wisconsin Biennial Budget Summary
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TAXATION AND FINANCE

Sales Tax: The Governor’s budget eliminates sales tax on electricity and natural gas sold for residential use.

Tax Incremental Financing: The Governor’s budget modifies current TTF law to allow municipalities to use districts to spur the creation of workforce housing by lifting the current law limitation on the share of a mixed-use district’s area that can be used for newly plated residential development from 35 percent to 60 percent if that additional 25 percent is comprised of workforce housing. Also, the budget extends the current law impact fee exemption or reduction provisions to apply to workforce housing.

Housing: The Governor’s budget creates a zoning incentive Pilot Program and provides \$20 million GPR to increase affordable housing by incentivizing local units of government to adopt policy initiatives that eliminate zoning barriers to foster affordable housing developments.

Levy Limits: The Governor’s budget creates a new county property tax freeze incentive program to provide aid payments to counties that commit to holding the line on property taxes. Counties that certify they did not increase their levy in the previous year will receive aid payments based on the revenue a 3 percent levy would have generated.

Service Mergers: The Governor’s budget eliminates a disincentive for local government service consolidation by removing the required negative levy limit adjustment that the transferring government must take when transferring the provision of a service to another government.

Transit: The Governor’s budget allows for the creation of regional transit authorities statewide to empower local governments to improve their transportation infrastructure.

Medical and Fire Services: The Governor’s budget encourages service sharing between local units of government on emergency medical services and fire protection by broadening the types of service sharing arrangements that qualify for the levy limit adjustments related to service sharing.

County Sale Tax: The Governor's budget allows counties (except Milwaukee) to impose an additional sales tax of up to 0.5% to diversify local revenue sources and better empower local governments to fund police and fire protection, transit, roads, and other services, if approved via referendum.

Federal Judiciary: The Governor's budget provides more than \$1.1 million over the biennium to support towns and counties impacted by a federal court decision that reduced their property tax base.

County Referenda: The Governor's budget removes restrictions of advisory referenda.

Utility Aid: The Governor's budget amends utility aid to include utility-owned storage facilities in the calculation of share revenue utility aid payments.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Collective Bargaining:

- Establish collective bargaining rights for state and local government front-line workers. Front line workers are defined as employees with a substantial portion of job duties interacting with members of the public or large populations or directly involved maintenance of public works.
- Expand collective bargaining rights for municipal and state public safety workers, transit employees, and front-line workers to allow collective bargaining over the employer-paid share of health insurance premiums.
- Eliminate the annual recertification requirement for state and local government bargaining units, as well as the provision that approval by a majority of bargaining unit members, instead of majority of the vote, is required to certify.

Just Cause Standard: Require local government employers to include a just cause standard of review of termination in their grievance procedures. Additionally, require existing local government grievance procedures to address employee discipline and workplace safety issues.

Retired Annuitants: Improve Wisconsin's workforce and pipeline with experienced professionals by authorizing state agencies and local units of government, including schools, to rehire a retired annuitant to address workforce recruitment and retention issues, if: (a) at least 30 days have passed since the employee left employment; (b) at the time of retirement, the

employee does not have an agreement to return to employment; and (c) upon returning to work, the employee elects to not become a participating employee and continue receiving their annuity.

Broadband:

- Invest \$400 million GPR over the biennium for the Broadband Expansion Grant program. This historic investment will build upon the Governor's previous directed investments and other state and federally funded broadband expansion efforts ensuring the state will continue to invest in broadband infrastructure in remote and difficult-to-serve areas that may not be served by federal funding.
- Modify current law to protect Wisconsin consumers by requiring broadband service providers to meet certain service requirements, including prohibiting a broadband service provider from denying service to residential customers based on race or income and requiring providers to award credits to customers' internet bills based on service outages. Provide a 1.0 FTE PR position and associated funding to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to enforce these provisions.

CVSOs: Provide \$129,200 SEG over the biennium to increase state grants to support County and Tribal Veterans Service Offices. Veterans service offices are the primary point of contact for veterans and advocates in navigating the benefits veterans have earned.

Elections:

- Enable the Wisconsin Elections Commission to reimburse counties and municipalities for certain costs incurred in the administration of special primaries and special elections by creating a GPR sum sufficient appropriation for this purpose.
- Allow a county or municipal clerk to canvass absentee ballots on the day before an election after working with the Wisconsin Elections Commission to ensure the canvass will be conducted fairly and effectively.
- Modify the scheduling of special elections to ensure they are scheduled with sufficient time to comply with federal requirements for sending ballots to military and overseas voters.

ROD Recording Fee: Provide more than \$16.5 million SEG over the biennium and increase the register of deeds document recording fee from \$30 to \$45 to provide additional funding to county land information offices in light of increasing workloads from recent legislation.

Domestic Partnership: Reinstate domestic partnership benefits for all state and local government employee insurance programs administered by the Wisconsin Department of Employee Trust Funds. These benefits were eliminated under 2017 Wisconsin Act 59, effective January 1, 2018.

Open Records Location Fee: Reduce barriers to public access to information by raising the threshold at which an authority may charge an open records location fee, increasing the threshold amount from \$50 to \$100 and defraying out-of-pocket costs to requesters in an effort to increase government transparency and accountability.

Prevailing Wage: Require employers conducting projects of public works, both state and local, to pay workers the hourly wage and benefits paid to most workers in the project's area, commonly known as prevailing wage.

Recertification Requirement: Eliminate the annual recertification requirement for state and local government bargaining units, as well as the provision that approval by a majority of bargaining unit members, instead of majority of the vote, is required to certify.

JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Circuit Court Funding: Provide more than \$24.5 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$70 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 for increased court support payments. In order to be eligible for the funding, a county must offer a treatment, alternative, or diversion program. Additionally, transfer 3.0 FTE GPR positions from the Wisconsin Department of Justice to the Director of State Courts Office to help administer treatment, alternative, or diversion programming at the counties. Finally, provide \$68,600 PR-S in fiscal year 2025-26, \$90,300 PR-S in fiscal year 2026-27, and a 1.0 FTE PR-S position for financial support staff for the circuit court support payment program.

Brown County Circuit Court: Establish two additional circuit court branches in Brown County.

County Crime Victim Services: Provide more than \$1.6 million all funds in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$2.1 million all funds in fiscal year 2026-27 to increase reimbursements to counties for crime victim and witness services.

District Attorneys:

- Provide more than \$3.7 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$4.9 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 to fund an additional 47.0 FTE GPR assistant district attorney positions, to help prosecute crime in the state.

- Provide more than \$2.9 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$5.8 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 for market-based salary adjustments for assistant district attorneys to increase retention of experienced attorneys.
- Allow counties with a population between 200,000 and 750,000 to appoint up to four deputy district attorneys.

Private Bar Reimbursement Rate: Provide more than \$1.4 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 to establish a new private bar reimbursement rate for serious cases to improve the State Public Defender's ability to recruit and retain private attorneys.

Interoperable Communications System: Provide more than \$79.7 million GPR over the biennium for the design and implementation of a new statewide interoperable communications system, which is a shared land mobile radio public safety communications system allowing emergency personnel and first responders to communicate for their daily missions or during a major disaster or large-scale incident.

Interoperable Communication System Equipment: Provide \$4 million GPR over the biennium for grants to local units of government for equipment upgrades to support their transition to the new statewide interoperable public safety radio network.

Judicial Privacy: Extend judicial privacy protections to federal judges.

Service Sharing: Encourage service sharing between local units of government on emergency medical services and fire protection by broadening the types of service sharing arrangements that qualify for the levy limit adjustments related to service sharing.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services Aids Increases

Children and Family Aids (CFA): Provide more than \$2.5 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$6.1 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 to increase Children and Family Aids by 5 percent beginning in calendar year 2026, and by an additional 2 percent beginning in calendar year 2027.

Community Youth and Family Aids (Youth Aids): Provide more than \$2.4 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$6 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 to provide a 5

percent increase to Community Youth and Family Aids beginning in calendar year 2026, and an additional 2 percent increase beginning in calendar year 2027 to ensure counties can provide quality services for youth.

Basic County Allocation (BCA): Provide \$1.7 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$5.2 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 to increase funding for the Basic County Allocation portion of the Community Aids program that provides funding to counties for human services costs among various services administered by the counties or organizations with which they contract.

Income Maintenance Administration: Provide \$2.7 million all funds over the biennium for income maintenance administration.

Mental Health

Community Support Programs: Provide more than \$19.6 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$21.4 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 to begin using state funding to pay the nonfederal share of the Medicaid Community Support Program, ensuring resources are available for individuals with significant mental health needs

Crisis Urgent Care and Observation Centers: Provide \$20 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 to establish crisis urgent care and observation centers to serve as regional crisis receiving and stabilization facilities; offer seamless transitions between levels of services offered at the centers; arrange for the transfer to more appropriate treatment options, if needed; coordinate the connection to ongoing care; promote the effective sharing of information between providers to improve service delivery and patient outcomes; and alleviate a significant portion of time that law enforcement and other first responders dedicate to emergency detention cases by offering a dedicated first responder drop-off location, accepting custody of emergency detention cases, and not requiring medical clearances be completed before drop-off. Support a 1.0 FTE GPR position to develop and evaluate the centers on an ongoing basis.

Regional Crisis Stabilization Facilities: Provide \$7.6 million GPR over the biennium to support regional crisis stabilization facilities in the state that assist adults who are in crisis or those requiring short-term crisis stabilization by providing traumatic, community-based care in the least restrictive setting.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities: Provide \$1.8 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 to establish a 25-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility to provide psychiatric care and treatment to children and youths under the age of 21 with complex behavioral health conditions. Expand Medicaid benefits to include a psychiatric residential treatment facility benefit.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Provide \$4.2 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$8 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27 to support in-state 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call centers to meet the needs of those contacting the Lifeline and to address the increase in Lifeline call volume.

Grants for Co-Response Efforts with Behavioral Health and Law Enforcement:

Provide \$2 million GPR over the biennium for grants to county and municipal governments to establish collaborative programs between behavioral health providers and local law enforcement to increase the involvement of behavioral health professionals in emergency response calls that involve individuals in crisis and fully divert emergency response calls to behavioral health professionals when appropriate.

Peer Recovery Centers: Provide \$620,000 GPR over the biennium to support existing peer recovery centers.

Child Welfare

Foster and Kinship Care Rates: Provide \$497,600 GPR and \$214,100 PR-F in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$994,400 GPR and \$427,900 PR-F in fiscal year 2026-27 to increase the foster care age-based rates by 5 percent and allow foster care level one providers to receive the age-based rates.

- Also, provide more than \$6.9 million TANF in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$14 million TANF in fiscal year 2026-27 to allow kinship caregivers to also receive these age-based rates.
- Further, allow foster care level 1 caregivers and kinship caregivers to qualify for sibling exceptional payments and one-time clothing allowances.

Subsidized Guardianship and Kinship Care Eligibility: Modify eligibility requirements for subsidized guardianships and kinship care to ensure that youth in the youth justice system qualify for these placements and children of any age can qualify for subsidized guardianships and provide more than \$5.2 million GPR over the biennium for this purpose. Also make a technical statutory modification to ensure like-kin kinship caregivers are eligible for the SHARES child care program.

Expanding Independent Living Services for Youth: Provide over \$10.5 million GPR over the biennium to expand independent living services for youth who are aging out of the out-of-home care system.

Youth Justice

Juvenile Justice Reform Review Committee: Create a Juvenile Justice Reform Review Committee at the Department of Children and Families to study and provide recommendations on reforming the juvenile justice system, including jurisdiction and sentencing, to the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Corrections.

Return 17-year-olds to Juvenile Justice System: Create a new sum sufficient appropriation and provide \$10 million GPR over the biennium to reimburse counties for increased costs associated with raising the age that a circuit court or municipal court exercises adult court jurisdiction on individuals from 17 to 18 years of age.

Type 1 Juvenile Detention Facility: Provide funding and staffing for a Wisconsin Department of Corrections Type 1 juvenile detention facility in Milwaukee with more than \$6.4 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26, more than \$20.9 million GPR in fiscal year 2026-27, and 147.05 FTE GPR positions.

Lincoln Hills and Copper Lakes: Convert Lincoln Hills School and Copper Lake School to Lincoln Correctional Institution, a 500-bed, medium-security adult facility to help free up bed space across the adult corrections enterprise.

DOC Youth Corrections Rate: Provide more than \$28.1 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 to maintain the juvenile daily rate at the current statutory level.

Child Support

Eliminate Birth Cost Recovery: Eliminate the practice of birth cost recovery and increase funding by more than \$3.8 million all funds over the biennium to child support agencies to replace lost child support revenue.

Child Support Modernization: Provide more than \$17.5 million all funds in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$27.5 million all funds in fiscal year 2026-27 to support the continuation of the Child Support Modernization IT project.

Elimination of Child Support Collection from Out of Home Placements: Eliminate the requirement that child welfare agencies collect child support from families with children that enter certain out-of-home care placements with the goal that the additional resources can better support the child. Provide an increase to Children and Family Aids of \$1.8 million all funds starting in fiscal year 2026-27 to make up for the reduction in child support

funds. Provide one-time funds of \$35,000 GPR and \$35,000 PR-F in fiscal year 2026-27 to update the child welfare system to support the new approach.

Long Term Support

Children's Long-Term Support Program: All eligible children with services under the Children's Long-Term Support waiver program, providing long-term services to children with intellectual, physical and/or developmental disabilities, and severe emotional disturbances.

Expanding In-Home Visiting Services: Provide \$1.2 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$3.8 million GPR and \$104,000 PR-F in fiscal year 2026-27 to expand home visiting services to additional counties and Tribes in the state.

Adult Protective Services: Provide \$7.5 million GPR over the biennium to support adult protective services units. Also provide a 1.0 FTE GPR position to facilitate Tribal Nation adult protective services coordination.

Home-Delivered Meals: Provide more than \$21.7 million GPR over the biennium to meet the needs of Wisconsin's older adults who have a need for home-delivered meals.

FoodShare Program: Eliminate requirements impacting access to FoodShare program:

- Requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents to clear a drug screening to participate in the FoodShare Employment and Training program.
- Work requirement for able-bodied adults enrolled in the FoodShare program.
- The pay-for-performance incentives for vendors of the FoodShare Employment and Training program.

Aging and Disability Resources Centers: \$2.9 million all funds (\$1.3 million GPR) in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$5.8 million all funds (\$2.5 million GPR) in fiscal year 2026-27 to reestimate funding to support the continuation of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers modernization, the continuation of the No Wrong Door - Supporting Kids Together Wisconsin initiative, and continuation of the resident and assisted living facility assessment tool.

Wisconsin Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program: \$1 million GPR over the biennium to provide additional community aid funding for the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Family and Caregiver Support Program.

WisCaregiver Careers: Provide \$4.3 million all funds (\$2.1 million GPR) in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$4.3 million all funds (\$2.1 million GPR) in fiscal year 2026-27 to the WisCaregiver Career program, which addresses the shortage of certified nursing assistants in the state by supporting recruitment, training, and retention of individuals to care for nursing home residents across Wisconsin.

TRANSPORTATION

Agriculture Roads Improvement Program: Provide \$25 million GPR and \$25 million SEG over the biennium for the Agricultural Road Improvement Program to support rural communities and employers. The program targets improvements to vital rural transportation corridors that support farm, forestry, and producer opera

Title and Fee Increase: Continue the Governor's commitment to stabilizing Wisconsin's Transportation Fund and fixing Wisconsin's roads by proposing a robust budget that balances bonding with increased revenues, including raising revenue to the Transportation Fund through title fees and transferring an amount of sales tax from the General Fund related to the repair of automobiles in recognition that private use cars and trucks last longer than these types of vehicles did in past decades.

General Transportation Aids: Increase funding by 3 percent in the general transportation aids program in calendar year 2026 and calendar year 2027 for counties and municipalities. This budget provides the highest level of funding in state history for the program.

County Forest Roads: Increase funding for county forest road aids by 3 percent in each year in the biennium.

Revenues: Ensure greater ongoing stability for the state's investment in transportation infrastructure by raising over \$400 million in ongoing revenue deposited in the Transportation Fund. The additional revenue ensures that the state will maintain responsible levels of borrowing for highway infrastructure improvements.

Eminent Domain: Restore the ability of cities, villages, and towns to use eminent domain to build pedestrian and bike paths.

Passenger Rail: Provide more than \$5 million SEG in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$10 million SEG in fiscal year 2026-27 to support the operation of passenger rail service in Wisconsin as well as continue ongoing studies of passenger rail expansion routes across the state.

Harbors: Provide \$33 million over the biennium in funding for dredging, seawall reconstruction and other projects associated with the Harbor Assistance Program, including support for specific projects in Sheboygan and the Menominee Harbor.

Transit Capital: Provide \$20,000,000 GPR to the newly created transit capital assistance program to help transit agencies replace aging vehicles.

Transit: Provide \$5,031,400 GPR in funding to hold harmless transit agencies from the reclassification of tiers due to the most recent census.

Routine Maintenance Agreements: Provide \$20,000,000 SEG to fund increases for routine highway maintenance agreements.

Local Road Improvement Program Prioritization: Modify the local road improvement program and agricultural roads improvement programs to include replacement of aging bridges and culverts documented from a study on local bridges and culverts funded in the 2023-25 biennium.

LRIP-S: Provide \$100 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 for the local road improvement supplement program. The program provides direct support to local and bridge projects throughout the state.

Transit Regional Authorities: Allow for the creation of regional transit authorities statewide to empower local governments to improve their transportation infrastructure.

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE

Farmland Preservation Program: Expand the Farmland Preservation Planning Grant Program to allow for activities that implement certified farmland preservation plans.

CAFOs: Increase the annual fee assessed to operators of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations from \$345 to \$545. Additionally, provide \$253,700 all funds in fiscal year 2025-26, \$309,300 all funds in fiscal year 2026-27, and 4.0 FTE all funds positions.

County Conservation Staffing Grants: Provide more than \$6.1 million all funds in fiscal year 2025-26 and more than \$6.6 million all funds in fiscal year 2026-27 for grants to counties for county conservation staff to support land and water conservation activities.

Planning and Zoning

Zoning Incentives: Create a Zoning Incentive Pilot Program and provide \$20 million GPR in fiscal year 2025-26 to increase affordable housing by incentivizing local units of government, including Tribal nations, to adopt policy initiatives that eliminate zoning barriers to foster affordable housing developments.

Environment and Emergency Management

Predisaster Flood Resiliency Grants: Providing \$2 million GPR over the biennium for predisaster flood resiliency grants to identify flood vulnerabilities, identify options to improve flood resiliency, and restore hydrology in order to reduce flood risk and damages in flood-prone communities.

PFAS

Invest over \$145 million to address PFAS contamination across Wisconsin, from private well owners to municipalities and across surface, drinking, and groundwater, including:

- Creating a PFAS Community Grant Program to assist municipal drinking water systems with testing for and eliminating PFAS from drinking water through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program.
- Helping private well owners sample and test their private wells through a new County PFAS Well Testing Grant Program.
- Researching effective destruction and disposal methods of PFAS and implementing proven strategies to dispose and eliminate PFAS.
- Providing grants to local businesses and communities to help reduce or eliminate their use or release of PFAS into the environment.
- Conducting statewide research, including sampling and testing for PFAS to better understand its prevalence.
- Commencing PFAS biomonitoring studies across the state to support local health department PFAS response.
- Providing additional emergency resources to help provide safe, bottled water to households and communities impacted by water contamination.
- Protecting innocent landowners like farmers who unknowingly allowed the spreading of biosolids containing PFAS on their land from having to foot the bill for the cleanup.
- Increasing biosolid sampling, testing, and remediation for PFAS in biosolids and allocating new funding to help innocent landowners and farmers remediate PFAS contamination.
- Adopting major policies from the CLEAR Act, including creating a REINS Act exemption for administrative rulemaking relating to establishing enforceable standards for PFAS and requiring additional testing of land spread biosolids and prohibiting the land spreading of biosolids with levels of PFAS that exceed a health-based level.
- Provide 10.0 FTE GPR positions and associated funding at the Department of Natural Resources for the monitoring and remediation of PFAS.

Water Quality

Emerging Contaminants: Provide \$200,000 SEG in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$225,000 SEG in fiscal year 2026-27 for nonPFAS emerging contaminants monitoring and remediation.

State Well Compensation Program: Increase funding by \$5 million SEG over the biennium for financial assistance under the state well compensation program and provide a 1.0 FTE SEG position to assist homeowners who apply for funds. In addition, amend the well compensation program eligibility criteria to bring the program's 56 contamination criteria in line with federal water quality standards and address emerging contaminants like PFAS, update the program's financial qualifications to allow the program to serve more Wisconsin residents, and expand the program to include owners of transient noncommunity public water systems.

Targeted Runoff Management Program: Authorize \$10 million in bonding for grants to counties for capital projects that implement land and water resource management plans under the Targeted Runoff Management Program, and provide an additional \$400,000 SEG over the biennium for noncapital projects under the Targeted Runoff Management Program. Additionally, provide \$1.7 million over the biennium for contractual services related to nonpoint pollution reduction.

Land and Water Resource Management Plans: Authorize \$10 million in bonding for grants to counties for implementation of land and water resource management plans, including cost-share grants to landowners through the Soil and Water Resource Management Program.

Producer-Led Watershed Grants: Provide \$1 million SEG over the biennium to support the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant Program.

Personal On-Site Water Treatment Systems

POWTS: Continue the Private On-Site Wastewater Treatment System Replacement and Rehabilitation Program for residence owners and small commercial establishments meeting certain family resident income and system eligibility criteria. The program allows those who are eligible to repair or replace failing private on-site wastewater treatment systems and access new and improved water treatment solutions. Additionally, increase expenditure authority for the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services by \$840,000 PR in both years of the biennium for grants to meet industry demand for expedited review of septic plans.

POWTS Processing Fee: Establish a \$425 permit processing fee for Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System wastewater general permits. Additionally, provide \$134,700 GPR in fiscal year 2025-26, \$176,100 GPR in fiscal year 2026-27, and 2.0 FTE GPR positions to improve compliance monitoring efforts.

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

Knowles-Nelson Reauthorization: Renew the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program at \$83 million bonding, \$9 million SEG, and \$8 million GPR in each year, for a \$1 billion investment over the next ten years. In addition, modify the allocation of funds under the Stewardship Program to better align the program's priorities with the needs of the state such as increasing investment in local parks and recreation projects and creating a new subprogram to support nonprofit conservation organizations that perform habitat management activities on conserved land. In addition, make statutory language changes to help the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources more effectively administer the program.

Wakeboats

Wakeboat Study: Provide \$62,300 SEG in fiscal year 2025-26, \$83,000 SEG in fiscal year 2026-27, and a 1.0 FTE SEG project position to collect and analyze data on Wisconsin water bodies in order to better evaluate the potential impacts of wake boats on Wisconsin's waters.

Forestry

Forestry Strategic Plan: Provide \$775,000 SEG in fiscal year 2025-26 in one-time funding for the development of a forestry industry strategic plan and roadmap.

Wildlife Habitat Grants: Increase funding for the County Wildlife Habitat Grant program by \$260,000 SEG over the biennium.

County Forest Administrator Grants: Increase funding for the County Forest Administration Grant Program by \$500,000 SEG over the biennium to support salaries for county forest administrators

Sustainable Forestry Grant Program: Increase funding for the Sustainable Forestry Grant Program by \$500,000 SEG over the biennium to support sustainable forest management projects on county forest land.

Increase Foresters: Provide \$1.3 million SEG over the biennium for the Wisconsin Forestry Careers Pathway Program and the Learning, Experiences, & Activities in Forestry Program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.