

**RESOLUTION NO. 126-24**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
PROVIDE STATE GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDING  
IN ITS 2025-27 STATE BIENNIAL BUDGET  
TO COVER THE FULL NON-FEDERAL SHARE  
OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CRISIS SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, Fond du Lac 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**, 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 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**, state community aids funding, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 46.40, has not kept pace over the years with increased county costs for services, resulting in counties bearing a disproportionate share of 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 funding increases combined with strict property tax controls makes it difficult for counties to maintain crisis 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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's counties continue to cover the costs of mental health services for individuals who are not Medicaid eligible.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the state of Wisconsin, in its 2025-27 state biennial budget, provide state General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funding to cover the full non-federal share of MA crisis services.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors requests that the Fond du Lac County Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of the State Legislators representing Fond du Lac County, the Office of the Governor and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Dated March 18, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:  
HEALTH AND HUMAN  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

  
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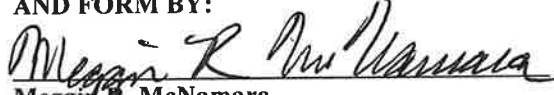
**FISCAL NOTE:** This resolution does not require an appropriation from the county general fund.

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Sam Kaufman  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY  
AND FORM BY:**

  
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Meggin K. McNamara  
CORPORATION COUNSEL

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 126-24.

Ayes 23 Nays \_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_ Excused 2 Absent \_\_\_\_

Approved and adopted this 18 day of March, 2025.

\_\_\_\_ Denied this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

  
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Lisa Freiberg  
COUNTY CLERK