

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-2025

Resolution in Support of a State Investment in Income Maintenance Administration

The County Board of Supervisors of Green Lake County, Green Lake, Wisconsin, duly assembled at its regular meeting begun on the 16th day of September, 2025, does resolve as follows:

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the federal budget reconciliation package enacted in July of 2025, makes
- 2 changes to the SNAP (FoodShare) program that would reduce federal costs and
- 3 significantly impact county administered services; and
- 4 **WHEREAS**, these changes extend SNAP work requirements to individuals up to age
- 5 64, lower the child age threshold for parent exemptions, and eliminate waivers for areas
- 6 with high unemployment, thereby increasing referrals to the FoodShare Employment
- 7 and Training (FSET) program and workload for county human service departments; and
- 8 Fiscal note/NA
- 9 A majority vote is needed to pass.

Roll Call on Resolution No. 20-2025

Submitted by Health & Human
Services Committee:

Ayes 15, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstain 0,
Vacant 1

/s/ Joe Gonyo

Joe Gonyo, Chair

Passed and Adopted/~~Rejected~~ this 16th
day of September, 2025.

/s/ Mike Skivington

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/s/ David Abendroth

County Board Chairman

Absent

Brian Floeter

/s/ Elizabeth Otto

ATTEST: County Clerk

Approve as to Form:

/s/ Nancy Hoffmann

Nancy Hoffmann

/s/ Jeffrey Mann

Corporation Counsel

/s/ Christine Schapfel

Christine Schapfel

/s/ Mary Hess

Mary Hess

10 **WHEREAS**, the legislation requires states to contribute a minimum of 5% toward the
11 cost of SNAP benefits if their error rate is 6% or higher, facing penalty funding of
12 between 5% and 15% of total SNAP costs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's current SNAP payment error rate is 4.47%, but without
14 additional investment in eligibility and administrative systems, heightened workloads
15 could push the state above the 6% threshold, triggering significant penalties; and

16 **WHEREAS**, if Wisconsin's error rate reaches 6% on or after October 1, 2027, the
17 state's 5% cost share would be approximately \$69 million annually, with potential
18 penalty payments increasing the state's financial burden—costs that could ultimately
19 cascade down to counties; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the SNAP administrative match rate for Income Maintenance (IM) activities
21 has been reduced from the previous 50% federal / 50% state-local to 25% federal / 75%
22 state-local, substantially reducing federal revenue available to counties to administer
23 SNAP; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the reduction in administrative funds could lead to a reduction in IM staff,
25 which could result in an increased payment error rate; and

26 **WHEREAS**, county IM administrative costs are approximately \$123 million annually,
27 with SNAP-related workload accounting for about \$49 million of those costs; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the new administrative match rate results in an estimated \$17 million
29 annual loss in SNAP administrative funding to counties; and

30 **WHEREAS**, these federal cuts result from shifting the benefit and administrative costs
31 to states and counties (reducing resources available for local administration), tightening
32 work requirements (increasing county workload), and penalizing minor payment errors
33 (resulting in more cost to the states); and

34 **WHEREAS**, counties operate under state-imposed property tax levy limits, restricting
35 their ability to offset such funding losses without additional state or federal relief;

36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Green Lake County Board of
37 Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to provide funding to offset the county fiscal
38 impact caused by the enacted federal SNAP changes, and to work with counties to
39 ensure adequate resources for the administration of FoodShare and related programs;
40 and

41 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Green Lake County Clerk is hereby authorized
42 and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of
43 Wisconsin, all Wisconsin State Legislators, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the
44 Wisconsin County Human Service Association.