



Resolution No. 48 (2025)
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE INVESTMENT FOR INCOME
MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION

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 significantly
3 impact county-administered services; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, these changes extend SNAP work requirements to individuals up to age 64,
6 lower the child age threshold for parent exemptions, and eliminate waivers for areas with high
7 unemployment, thereby increasing referrals to the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET)
8 program and workload for county human service departments; and
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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 between 5%
12 and 15% of total SNAP costs; and;
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14 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's current SNAP payment error rate is 4.47%, but without
15 additional investment in eligibility and administrative systems, heightened workloads could push
16 the state above the 6% threshold, triggering significant penalties; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, if Wisconsin's error rate reaches 6% on or after October 1, 2027, the state's
19 5% cost share would be approximately \$69 million annually, with potential penalty payments
20 increasing the state's financial burden, costs that could ultimately cascade down to counties; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, the SNAP administrative match rate for Income Maintenance (IM)
23 activities has been reduced from the previous 50% federal / 50% state-local to 25% federal / 75%
24 state-local, substantially reducing federal revenue available to counties to administer SNAP; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the reduction in administrative funds could lead to a reduction in IM staff,
27 which could result in an increased payment error rate; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, county IM administrative costs are approximately \$123 million annually,
30 with SNAP-related workload accounting for about \$49 million of those costs; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the new administrative match rate results in an estimated \$17 million
33 annual loss in SNAP administrative funding to counties; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, these federal cuts result from shifting the benefit and administrative costs to
36 states and counties (reducing resources available for local administration), tightening work
37 requirements (increasing county workload), and penalizing minor payment errors (resulting in
38 more cost to the states); and
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40 **WHEREAS**, counties operate under state-imposed property tax levy limits, restricting
41 their ability to offset such funding losses without additional state or federal relief.



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42 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Board of
43 Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to provide funding to offset the county fiscal impact
44 caused by the enacted federal SNAP changes, and to work with counties to ensure adequate
45 resources for the administration of FoodShare and related programs.

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47 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the St. Croix County Clerk is hereby authorized
48 and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
49 Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within St. Croix County, the Wisconsin
50 Counties Association, and the Wisconsin County Human Service Association.

Health and Human Services Board Recommended

MOVER: Cathy Leaf

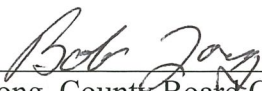
SECONDER: Deb Lindemann

AYES: Shawn Anderson, Mike Barcalow, Kathleen Findlay, Cathy Leaf, Deb Lindemann, Julie
Smith, Greg Tellijohn

EXCUSED: Lisa Lind

St. Croix County Board of Supervisors Action:

This Resolution was ADOPTED by the St. Croix County Board of Supervisors on October 7, 2025:



Bob Long, County Board Chair



Christine Hines, County Clerk