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Wisconsin Counties Association
22 East Mifflin Street
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Wisconsin Counties Association,

I am sending this letter today on behalf of the Washburn County Board of Supervisors.

Enclosed you will find Resolution 2025-70, Urging Wisconsin Legislators to Restore Continuous Emergency Management Performance Grant Funding.

Washburn County is asking for your support in getting this funding reinstated, it's crucial for our County and every other County in the State of Wisconsin.

Thank you for your time and support.

Sincerely,

Alicia Swearingen
Washburn County Clerk

RESOLUTION # 2025-70

**RESOLUTION URGING WISCONSIN LEGISLATORS TO RESTORE CONTINUOUS EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Performance Grant funding is the foundation for local emergency management by funding critical staff, planning, training, exercises, outreach and preparedness activities; and

WHEREAS, without the Emergency Management Performance Grant funding Washburn County's budget cannot absorb the cost of the critical staff, planning, training, exercises, outreach and preparedness activities related to emergency management; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, the current Emergency Management Performance Grant award will result in no EMPG funding for local and tribal programs during the months of January 1, 2025, through September 2025, which is different than what was originally outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the grant; and

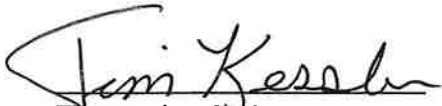
WHEREAS, the loss of Emergency Management Performance Grant funding will have a direct and severe impact on Washburn County's ability to sustain core emergency management functions that keep the County's residents safe and prepared, leaving Washburn County to fill the funding gap on its own; and

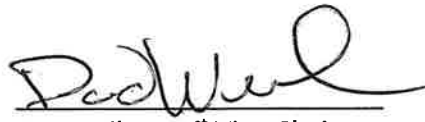
WHEREAS, the loss of Emergency Management Performance Grant funding will have a direct and severe impact on Washburn County's ability to respond effectively to disasters and emergencies, and protect lives and property; and

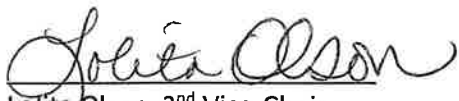
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washburn County Board of Supervisors asks for the support of state and federal legislators to help bring this issue forward to ensure continuous Emergency Management Performance Grant funding is restored to match the Original Notice of Funding Opportunity and provide funds for the full 2025 calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective upon its passage and publication and a copy be sent to all Wisconsin State and Federal Legislators representing Washburn County.

Recommended for adopt by the Washburn County Executive Committee on the 4th day of November 2025 and approved by the Washburn County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of November 2025.


Tim Kessler, Chair


Dave Wilson, 1st Vice-Chair


Lolita Olson, 2nd Vice-Chair


Hank Graber, Member


Stephen Smith, Member

Motion: L. OLSON Second: D. WILSON

(Voice) (Roll) vote: Yes 20 No 0 exc. 1
J.F.

I, Alicia Swearingen, as County Clerk, do hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the
resolution adopted by the County of Washburn at
the meeting held on: 11.12.2025

