

Milwaukee County Legislative Agenda

for the 2023-2025 State Biennial Budget

Milwaukee County prioritizes making investments that provide high-quality, critical services to our residents. As the County's structural deficit and budget gap grows every year, we will continue to make difficult decisions unless increased funding is identified. We look forward to a continued partnership with the State of Wisconsin to deliver better outcomes Countywide. The following Milwaukee County policy positions, adopted by the County Board, are focused on fiscal items relevant to the 2023-2025 Biennial State Budget.



Transportation & Public Works

- Support for increases to transit operating assistance payments to Counties that are indexed for inflation in every biennial budget.
- Support for the imposition of fees on transportation network company (TNC) rides with revenues supporting local transportation costs.
- Support increased funding for Paratransit aids to provide State-mandated paratransit services.



Health Equity & Human Needs

- Support for funding of Mental Health Treatment Courts and the expansion of Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) programs.
- Support for County-led climate remediation efforts, including reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and progress towards carbon neutrality.
- Support for the acceptance of Federal funds to expand Medicaid coverage for 80,000 State residents, help reduce local government health care costs, and provide \$190 million per year of additional revenue to the State.
- Support increased funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs).
- Support for full funding of Secure Residential Care Centers for Children and Youth (SRCCCYs).
- Support increases to Youth Aids to adequately fund County-led rehabilitation efforts for justice-involved youth, including out-of-home placements and non-residential, community-based services.



Public Safety & Law Enforcement

- Support full reimbursement of tax levy costs incurred by the Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff to provide expressway patrols, as mandated by the State.
- Support for the legalization of recreational and medicinal use of marijuana and to collect taxes on sales to support County services.
- Support an equal split of Circuit Court and Register of Deed fees collected by the County and remitted to the State.



Local Funding

- Support the implementation of a 1 percent County sales tax to provide local government revenue for capital and operating expenses while achieving property tax relief.
- Support authorization of a local funding mechanism to support transit, cultural assets, parks, and emergency medical services.
- Support increased, fair contributions from the State for the provision of current and newly imposed state-mandated services.
- Support increases to State shared revenue payments that, at a minimum, match the rate of inflation required to provide public programs and services.
- Support changes to State law that allow Milwaukee County to raise revenue for parks and cultural assets using alternative funding sources.

By achieving racial equity, Milwaukee is the healthiest County in the State of Wisconsin.