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Request Description	Requested Action in the 2025-27 Biennium	Impact of Requested Action	Outcome
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>			
<i>Increase Medicaid Funding for Community Support Programs (CSPs)</i>	Provide \$14 million in annual funding statewide for the non-federal share of Community Support Program (CSP) costs as well as \$21 million annually for Crisis Services statewide.	This action will help reduce the need for state hospital stays and other costly placements. The success of CSP and Crisis Services have made such an impact that Milwaukee County closed its psychiatric inpatient hospital in 2022 after 142 years of operation. An increase in state costs in the CSP benefit category could be partially or fully offset by decreases in the cost of hospitalization.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; removed by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Increase Adult Protective Services (APS)</i>	Provide a statewide increase of \$5 million annually to counties for Adult Protective Services.	This action is necessary given the increased enrollment in Wisconsin's Medicare home and community-based services for long term care. Milwaukee County enrolls 24% of all participants in publicly funded long-term care programs statewide.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; removed by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Increase Basic County Allocation (BCA)</i>	Provide an increase of 2% each year of 2025-2027 biennium to the Basic County Allocation (BCA).	This action will help counties to meet the demand to provide mental health services, aging and disability services, and children's services, including Birth to 3 programming.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; removed by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Increase Youth Aids Allocation</i>	Provide a statewide increase of 2% in Youth Aids over the biennium estimated at \$1 million to Milwaukee County.  Additionally, provide \$4 million to	This critical action will allow counties to support community-based programs for youth who are involved in the justice system.  Operational funds for the SRCCCY will allow Milwaukee County to ensure appropriate staffing,	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Not included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; never moved to the added by the Joint Committee on Finance.



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	Milwaukee County to support the operational costs of the new Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) and do not enact any increases to the daily rate for Type 1 facilities.	programming, and services are available to youth including behavioral treatment therapy to address suicidal and more acute mental health issues, substance abuse treatment, and vocational training in a safe environment. This programming is essential to improving short and long-term outcomes and reduce recidivism.	<b>Note:</b> Governor Evers' proposed budget held the rate for DOC juvenile correctional placements flat with no increase. The Joint Committee on Finance proposed a significant increase that would have depleted all Youth Aids funding to Milwaukee County. Governor Evers vetoed this increase and amended it to a substantially lower rate.
<i>Increase Children and Families Allocation (CFA)</i>	Provide an increase of 2% to the Children and Families Allocation (CFA), estimated at \$200K to Milwaukee County over the biennium.	This action will help counties to provide community-based and detention center services to youth.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; removed by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Increase to the Birth to 3 Mandated Program</i>	Provide a \$10 million statewide GPR increase in Birth to 3 Program funding starting in CY2026. The proposed GPR would be \$5 million in SFY 26 (first 6 months of CY 2026) and \$10 million in SFY 27 to relieve the burden on counties covering the majority of Birth to 3 costs with local funds and provider subsidy. In addition, create statutory language requiring Birth to 3 costs be re-	This action will help stabilize the Birth to 3 Program and cover a greater share of existing service costs with State GPR. Financial uncertainty has caused Milwaukee County's network of providers to shrink by 2/3 over the last several years with the remaining three providers absorbing an annual financial loss averaging \$1.6 million over the last three years. With economic evidence showing a 7-10% return on investment in early childhood programs, increased funding for Wisconsin's Birth to 3 system is essential for enhancing child outcomes and ensuring a	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Not included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; never moved to the added by the Joint Committee on Finance.



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	estimated by DHS so additional cost to continue funding is included in future biennial budget requests.	sustainable delivery system. Insufficient funding poses a significant challenge to not only Milwaukee County but all counties. As a mandated program, Birth to 3 should be adequately funded by the State of Wisconsin to ensure infants and toddlers with disabilities receive the supports they need to thrive.	
<i>Provide Flexible Rental Assistance Funding to Local Governments</i>	Provide Flexible Rental Assistance funding to local governments, estimated at \$5.5 million to Milwaukee County during the biennium.	This action will allow local governments to keep pace with the demand for rental assistance to help its most vulnerable residents and families avoid eviction as they continue to face epidemic levels of housing instability.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Not included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; never moved to the added by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Provide Direct Gap Financing Funds for Affordable Housing Projects &amp; Allow Increased Local Control</i>	Provide Direct Gap Financing Funds for Affordable Housing Projects to local governments, estimated at \$1 million during the biennium, and increase the level of local control by local governments for use of these funds.	This action will help Milwaukee County to meet the growing need for affordable housing in the state's most densely populated region, especially for residents who need supportive services to improve their quality of life and reduce the need for other costly interventions, including emergency/crisis mental health care, substance use treatment, and the criminal justice system. Increased local control is necessary to ensure that housing projects do not lose time, costs, labor commitments, and other financing opportunities by having the funds go through the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA).	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Not included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; never moved to the added by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<b>Public Safety</b>			
<i>Provide Funding for Courthouse Complex</i>	Provide significant funding to support the design and construction of the	This action is necessary for the State of Wisconsin to fulfill its partnership to deliver state court services in	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Governor Evers' proposed budget



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	new public safety building in the courthouse complex through General Purpose Revenue (GPR) and the state's bonding authority.	Milwaukee County. The current public safety building is severely outdated, functionally obsolete, has significant public safety and security issues, and does not reflect the quality of service for which the Supreme Court of Wisconsin holds Milwaukee County responsible.	included \$25 million for the public safety building based on a request for \$250 million. Removed by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Increase Daily Reimbursement Limit and Implement Reimbursement Floor for Wisconsin Department of Correction (DOC) Inmates in Milwaukee County Correctional Settings</i>	Revise Wisconsin Statute § 302.27(1) to increase the contract rate to \$65/day and change language from: "The rate under any such contract may not exceed \$60 per person per day" to "The rate under any such contract shall be \$65 per person per day."	This action is necessary to cover expenses incurred by the Milwaukee County Community Reintegration Center (formerly House of Correction) for temporary housing of Wisconsin DOC inmates, including correctional officer pay and fringe benefit increases.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Governor Evers' proposed budget included an increase of \$60 to \$80 per day per inmate/resident. Removed by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Increase Funding for Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to Provide Patrol Services</i>	Provide \$15,117,308 in the first year and \$17,172,710 in the second year to Milwaukee County for patrol services on our federal and state highways, for a total of \$32,290,018 over the biennium.	This action is required for the State of Wisconsin to fulfill its responsibility to ensure that MCSO has adequate resources to provide patrol services on state and county highways in Wisconsin's largest and most populous county, including practicing proactive policing and efforts to combat dangerous driving.	<b>Included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; passed by the Joint Committee on Finance. Amount included in Enacted Budget: \$19,023,900 in State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and \$21,023,900 in State Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (increases of \$18M in 25-26 and \$20M in 26-27)



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<i>Increase Funding for Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to Provide Court Services</i>	Provide \$14,487,871 in the first year and \$14,807,386 in the second year to Milwaukee County for facilities security, courtroom bailiffs, and detainee/defendant transport/escort services in the Milwaukee County Circuit Court System, for a total of \$29,295,257 over the biennium.	This action is critical for MCSO to provide the state-mandated physical security services for the Milwaukee County Circuit Court System, the state's largest and most active judicial district.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Not included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; never moved to the added by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Provide Funding for State Court-Appointed Defense Attorneys</i>	Provide \$2.5 million each year to Milwaukee County to fund court-appointed defense attorneys when there is no public defender available, for a total of \$5 million over the biennium.	This action is necessary to cover the Constitutionally required attorneys in criminal defense cases in the state court system, as Milwaukee County does not have the funding to cover these costs when there are State Public Defender staff shortages.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Not included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; never moved to the added by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Provide Funding for Interpreters for State Court Proceedings and Provide Funding for Training to Increase the Number of Qualified Interpreters</i>	Provide \$1.5 million each year to Milwaukee County to fund required interpreters in state court proceedings, for a total of \$3 million over the biennium, and provide funding for training to increase the number of qualified interpreters.	This action will relieve Milwaukee County of the State of Wisconsin's responsibility to provide interpreters for state court proceedings, which has increase significantly in recent years and is unsustainable as there is a significant shortage of qualified interpreters, resulting in Milwaukee County having to pay exorbitant fees to interpreters who must travel from other regions of Wisconsin and Illinois.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Not included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; never moved to the added by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Provide Funding for Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs)</i>	Convert 12.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) ARPA positions to General Purpose Revenue (GPR); convert 1.0 FTE grant-funded position to GPR;	This action is necessary to add the four ADA positions that the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office is lacking as reflected in the recent workload analysis and to convert the 12.5 positions	<b>Included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; passed by the Joint Committee on Finance under



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	and add 3.0 FTE GPR positions. This is an approximate personnel cost of \$3,350,000 per year.	that will be lost when ARPA funding expires on July 31, 2025.	a separate motion from all other counties that bases the positions on citation revenue rather than General Purpose Revenue.
<i>Provide Additional Funding to Support the Special Prosecution Clerks as Authorized by Wisconsin Statute § 978.13(d)</i>	Authorize an additional \$75,000 to the program in year one and an additional \$80,000 to the program in year two for a total of \$155,000 during the biennium.	This action is necessary to bring the amount of funds received by Milwaukee County from the State of Wisconsin closer to the actual cost of the six clerical positions authorized by state statute.	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Not included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; never moved to the added by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<b>Transportation</b>			
<i>Increase Mass Transit Aids</i>	Increase mass transit operating assistance by 10% each year (cumulative), estimated at \$20.7 million total during the biennium.	This action is necessary to decrease the amount of funding that Milwaukee County must provide to fill any gaps as it addresses the imminent transit funding crisis. In 2023, nearly 40% Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) revenues came from state operating assistance funds (s. 85.20 funds). Farebox revenues consist of roughly 17% of MCTS funding, while Milwaukee County funds make up another 17% (i.e. tax levy and Vehicle Registration Fees).	<b>Not included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; removed by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Increase General Transportation Aids (GTA)</i>	Increase General Transportation Aids by 10% each year (cumulative), estimated at \$1.7 million total during the biennium.	This action will help Milwaukee County and counties across the state address the growing backlog of maintenance projects along county trunk highways. GTA is provided at a rate to counties that met a share of maintenance costs at roughly 30%—this	<b>Included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers' proposed budget; passed by the Joint Committee on Finance.



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		level is integral to ensure the fiscal feasibility of continuing critical maintenance of our highway system. While the state has increased GTA funding to counties in recent years, counties still receive a lower percentage of the “share of costs” compared to ten years ago.	
<i>Increase Paratransit Aids</i>	Increase § 85.205 and § 85.21 Paratransit Aids by 20% each year (cumulative), estimated at \$2.5 million total during the biennium.	This action will reduce the substantial subsidy Milwaukee County has to provide each year to cover the gap in funding these mandated services. Per the Americans with Disabilities Act, WisDOT is required to provide paratransit aids to assist eligible mass transit operating assistance recipients. Funding is provided to all fixed route bus systems in the state based on each system’s percentage of expenses and revenue miles. In 2023 MCTS provided more than 350,000 paratransit rides and this number is projected to increase with an aging population.	<b>Included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers’ proposed budget; passed by the Joint Committee on Finance.
<i>Provide Additional Local Road Improvement Program-Discretionary Supplemental (LRIP-S) Funding</i>	Provide an additional \$100 million each year of the in LRIP-S funding, for a total of \$200 million during the biennium and make this funding category permanent.	This action is critical to complete “shovel ready” projects within Milwaukee County and across the state, making our roads safer and more beneficial to the state’s growing economy. This funding being permanent would ensure that Wisconsin’s roads would remain safe and passable.	<b>Included in adopted budget.</b> Included in Governor Evers’ proposed budget; passed by the Joint Committee on Finance.