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DATE: August 12, 2025

TO: Chairwoman Janice Wilberg and Commission on Aging

FROM: Kyle Ashley

SUBJECT: County Executive Office Report

State of Emergency: Flooding and Storms Response

- **Emergency Declared:** August 10, 2025, following over 10 inches of rainfall.
- **Public Safety Impact:** Widespread flooding, infrastructure damage, increased lightning-related incidents.
- **Emergency Response Activated:**
 - Emergency Operations Center in place.
 - Activation of state and federal aid.

Resident Support:

- **Call 911 for emergencies**
- **Report damage:** Call 211 (flooding, lightning strikes, structural damage)
- **Safety Tips for Older Adults:**
 - Stay indoors, avoid floodwaters.
 - Limit electricity and water usage to prevent backups.
 - Check on neighbors and loved ones.

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2. 2024 ARPA Annual Report: Equity-Driven Recovery

Total Funding:

- **\$183 million across 73 projects**
- **83,000 residents served in every Milwaukee County zip code**

Key Focus Areas:

Community Support

- \$40 million invested
- 400+ affordable housing units created
- 78,000+ transit rides provided
- Youth and adult mental health programming expanded

Revenue Loss Recovery

- \$132+ million used to support:
 - 500+ essential public safety and health jobs
 - Capital maintenance
 - Women- and minority-owned business support (\$3M awarded)

COVID-19 Mitigation

- PPE, testing, and prevention in congregate settings
- 70% of funds already deployed

Fund Administration

- Evaluation plans for all projects
- Metrics and transparency emphasized

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3. Domes Reimagined Plan

Restoring a Cultural Treasure:

- **\$30 million committed by Milwaukee County**
- Project led by **Milwaukee Domes Alliance**
- County maintains horticulture; Alliance manages operations

Key Benefits:

- Preserves a beloved public space for **future generations**
- Estimated **\$770,000 in annual savings** to taxpayers
- Prioritizes **accessibility, sustainability, and equity**

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4. \$9 Million Investment to Combat Opioid Epidemic

Focused on Prevention, Harm Reduction & Treatment:

Projects Include:

- **Aging & Disabilities Outreach:** Door-to-door engagement at senior facilities
- **Community-Based Grants:** Funding nonprofits focused on underserved groups
- **Harm Reduction Tools:** Vending machines, online supply access
- **Medical Examiner Support:** Strengthening overdose data response

Important Note: This work supports older adults through targeted outreach and improved emergency response, aiming to reduce overdoses and support caregivers.

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5. 2026 Budget Listening Sessions

Public Engagement Events:

- **August 13:** *Kosciuszko (Kozy) Community Center*
- **August 20:** *Washington Park Senior Center*

Goals:

- Gather resident feedback on County spending priorities
- Share fiscal outlook and promote transparency
- Resource fairs before each session to connect residents with services

The **Washington Park Senior Center** session provides a direct opportunity for older adults to voice concerns and shape future County services.

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Closing Message from County Executive David Crowley

“Whether it's responding to emergencies, supporting our older residents, advancing racial equity, or preserving community treasures like the Domes, our vision remains rooted in serving all

residents of Milwaukee County with dignity, care, and equity. Together, we are building a stronger, healthier, and more connected community.”