

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 13, 2026

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Executive Director, DHHS

Subject: A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to accept a supplemental award of \$100,000 for the Emergency Housing and Stabilization for Older Adults Grant Program

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)-Administration for Community Living (ACL) has awarded a \$100,000 supplemental award for the Milwaukee Collaborative to Improve Emergency Housing and Stabilization for Older Adults Grant Program.

POLICY

Milwaukee County Code of Ordinances 56.06, Review and Approval of Federal and State Grant and Funding Applications, requires Milwaukee County departments to receive approval from the County Board to accept a grant with a match requirement.

In addition, under 59.52(31), departments must obtain authorization from the County Board to execute contracts over \$300,000.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	56.06, 59.52(31)
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BACKGROUND

In December 2024, the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)–Aging was approved to accept a grant award of \$976,248 from the Administration for Community Living (ACL) to support older adults age 60 and over with emergency and transitional housing and supportive services ([File No. 24-902](#)). The ACL has subsequently awarded supplemental funding of up to \$100,000 to expand program capacity with a required match of \$25,000 which will be met through in-kind staff support.

Over the past three years, Milwaukee County has seen a steady increase in the number of older adults seeking shelter and services during the winter months. Many of these individuals present with medical needs that would benefit from access to a medical respite care model.

Supplemental grant funds will support essential supplies and services for the warming season, including cleaning supplies, cots, laundry services, temporary staffing support to ensure adequate operational and clinical coverage, and rental costs for space at Outreach Community Health Center to facilitate program delivery.

These services are being paid for through a fiscal agent contract with the Institute for Community Alliances (ICA). DHHS is requesting a \$100,000 amendment to the current \$300,000 contract for a total adjusted contract of \$400,000 and extending the term from March 31, 2026, to August 31, 2026.

Match Requirement

This supplemental grant award provides \$100,000 in additional federal revenue from the ACL and does not require an increase in Milwaukee County tax levy. The required match (\$25,000) of total program costs will be met through in-kind staff time and can be absorbed within existing departmental resources. Acceptance of this supplemental funding will enhance service capacity during the winter warming season without creating an ongoing fiscal obligation beyond the grant period.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This request aligns with the goal of enhancing the County's fiscal health and sustainability. This grant award increase will support essential supplies and services for the warming season for older adults participating in the Milwaukee Collaborative to Improve Emergency Housing and Stabilization for Older Adults Program.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services, to accept a supplemental grant of \$100,000 from the Administration for Community Living Administration on Aging as part of the FY2024 Elder Justice Innovation Grants-Option 1 HHS-2024-ACL-AOA-EJIG-0011 requiring an in-kind match of \$25,000 and covering a total grant period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2026.

DHHS also requests authorization to amend its existing \$300,000 contract with the Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) by adding \$100,000 and extending the term from March 31, 2026, to August 31, 2026.

FISCAL EFFECT

A fiscal note form is attached.

TERMS

The grant is effective September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2026.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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