

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**

**INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

DATE: November 7, 2017

TO: Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman  
Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

FROM: James Martin, Interim Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's Section 85.21 Grant Application  
Informational Report

**BACKGROUND**

State financial aid is available to counties through the 2018 Specialized Transportation Assistance Program for Counties, as authorized by Section 85.21, Wisconsin Statutes. This aid is allocated according to each county's share of the state's elderly and disabled population.

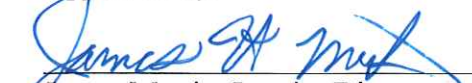
A county may use its allocated aid in a variety of ways. It may directly provide specialized transportation service; it may purchase service from, or assist, any other public or private organization that supplies such service; or it may directly subsidize elderly or disabled persons for their use of existing services such as taxis. Both equipment acquisitions and operating expenses are eligible, as are the related expenses of coordination, technical studies and in-service training.

In order to receive its allocation, a county must provide a 20 percent cash match, conduct a public hearing and submit an application. The due date for the 2018 application is December 15, 2017.

Milwaukee County is scheduled to receive \$2,162,873 in 2018, a 2.4 percent increase from the 2017 allocation. The funds will provide support to Transit Plus (\$1,514,011) and the Department on Aging's Specialized Transportation Program (\$648,862). There is no bottom line financial impact to the County as these funds are included in the 2018 operating budget.

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