

Milwaukee County – UW Extension

The Milwaukee County office of UW Extension is aligned with the mission of Milwaukee County Government which is to provide high-quality, responsive services that enhance self-sufficiency, personal safety, economic opportunity and quality of life for all its people.

Department Mission: Milwaukee County – UW Extension’s mission is to facilitate people’s use of University-researched knowledge to make informed decisions that enrich their lives and enhance their communities. **UW Extension offers over 20 free or low-cost educational and technical assistance programs, reaching over 58,222 county residents of all ages.**

A trained volunteer force of over 6,000 individuals allows the department to further extend educational programming to more County residents each year. The services respond to four of the five County mission components (all but personal safety). Milwaukee County UW Extension is a highly leveraged program which brings in about three times the annual contribution of Milwaukee County. **For every \$1.00 of county levy, Milwaukee County UW Extension brings in approximately \$3.00 from the UW System, federal, other state, and local private and public sector grants or donations.** An annual USDA grant alone, in the amount of \$683,257 provides nutrition education services throughout Milwaukee County for which no County funds are used.

Department Description: UW Extension is made up of Administration and four educational program areas which correspond to the County’s focus in self-sufficiency, economic opportunity and quality of life: **Administration** is responsible for supporting educators and support staff in: program development, evaluation, and professional development; personnel matters, financial management, and ensuring technology support; One role of the director is to work collaboratively with units of County Government. **4-H Youth Development** offers children and youth (K-5 – grade 13) an array of researched-based curriculum that promotes active, hands-on learning. Club programs provide leadership and team development through activities, such as: civic engagement, environmental studies, arts, multicultural awareness, and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); **Community Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED)** stresses community building, economic revitalization, water quality and other natural resource improvements, waste management, small business development, local government education, strategic planning, non-profit and neighborhood organizational development. **Family Living** provides training in the areas of parenting, food science and nutrition education, poverty awareness, and professional development for home visitors; **Urban Agriculture and Horticulture** provide county land to grow food, information, training and support in horticulture and urban agriculture that increases the social and economic impacts on people and communities; A program funded by County Parks is: the **Wehr Nature Center/Nature in the Parks** that offer environment education to residents of all ages.

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	2015	2016	Change
Expenses	\$528,759	\$550,959	\$22,200
Revenues	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$0
Levy	\$418,759	\$440,959	\$22,200
FTE's	.8	.8	0