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Milwaukee County Executive Report

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TO: Chairwoman Janice Wilberg and Commission on Aging

FROM: Kyle Ashley

SUBJECT: County Executive Office Report

1. Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace Open Enrollment & Call to Extend Tax Credits

- County Executive Crowley highlighted the start of the ACA Marketplace open enrollment period at the Marcia P. Coggs Health & Human Services Center.
 - Enrollment Deadline: **January 15, 2026**.
 - In 2025, **51,420 Milwaukee County residents** enrolled in Marketplace coverage (up from 26,690 in 2023).
 - The County Executive urged Congress to **extend enhanced ACA premium tax credits**, warning that expiration would significantly raise premiums for many residents.
 - Enrollment assistance is available through Covering Wisconsin and the Milwaukee Enrollment Network.
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2. Lead Hazard Reduction – Countywide Lead Remediation Program

- Milwaukee County launched a **Lead Remediation Program** aimed at eliminating lead-based paint hazards in suburban homes.
- Funded by a **\$7.75 million HUD grant**, with additional support from CDBG funds.
- Goal: Remediate lead hazards in **up to 200 low-income, owner-occupied homes** located outside the City of Milwaukee.
- Assistance includes: lead inspections, project management, no-interest loans, and construction services by licensed lead-safe contractors.



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- Eligible households must meet income guidelines, be current on property taxes, and have at least one child with an elevated blood lead level.
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3. FoodShare Benefits – Response to Trump Administration’s Attempt to Rescind Support

- The County Executive issued a statement opposing federal action to **rescind FoodShare benefits**, warning of severe impacts on low-income seniors, individuals with disabilities, and children.
 - The action threatens tens of thousands of Milwaukee County residents who rely on FoodShare for basic nutrition.
 - Crowley emphasized the importance of stable federal nutrition programs to county public health, equity goals, and economic stability.
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4. 2026 Milwaukee County Budget Approval

- County Executive Crowley, County Board Chair Nicholson, and Chairwoman Bovell approved the **2026 Milwaukee County Budget**.
 - Budget Priorities:
 - o Advancing health equity and racial equity.
 - o Supporting accessible transportation systems.
 - o Strengthening public health and human services infrastructure.
 - The budget continues stabilizing County finances following pandemic-era fiscal stress.
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5. County Executive Crowley Receives Goodwill New Lives Individual IMPACT Award

- County Executive Crowley was honored with Goodwill Industries’ **New Lives Individual IMPACT Award**.
- Award recognizes leadership in supporting employment pathways, economic mobility, and



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second-chance opportunities.

- Crowley highlighted the importance of partnerships between government, nonprofits, and employers in building community resilience.
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