

**AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S
2015 RECOMMENDED BUDGET**

By Supervisors Romo West, Lipscomb and Johnson

Amend Org. Unit Nos. 8000 and 4900 – Department of Health and Human Services – Disabilities Services Division and the Medical Examiner, as follows:

Org. Unit 8000 - DHHS

~~The Disabilities Services Division will continue to operate the General Burial Assistance Program with an appropriation of \$310,000. There is a \$310,000 reduction related to the elimination of the General Burial Assistance Program. This program was formerly part of Milwaukee County's Economic Support Division and was closely associated with the State-funded Medicaid Burials program. The program was transferred to the Disabilities Services Division (DSD) in January 2012 when the State assumed responsibility for the Economic Support Division. Since that time, DSD has worked to reduce the costs of this program through rate adjustments and thorough eligibility determination efforts which ensure that all those who may have eligibility for Medicaid Burials are referred to the State.~~

~~It should be noted that the burial program has provided primarily supplemental funding for families who often have access to other sources of funding, such as Medicaid. The program does not cover the entire cost of burial services. It is anticipated that families will continue to utilize other sources of funding to provide burial services.~~

~~The Medical Examiner's Office has a statutory obligation under Chapter 979.09 of Wisconsin Statutes to cover expenses of burial or cremation of unclaimed bodies. The budget transfers \$15,000 from DSD's budget to the Medical Examiner's budget to cover the costs of unclaimed bodies.~~

Org. Unit 4900 – Medical Examiner

~~The 2015 budget provides 25.5 FTEs to continue performing services. Operating costs are reduced by \$71,316 from 2014 mainly due to the centralization of information technology; however funding for cremation services for unclaimed bodies is increased by \$15,000 due to the elimination of burial support subsidies in the Department of Health & Human Services.~~

This amendment would have a \$295,000 tax levy impact.

(1A003)

Org Unit Nos.: 8000 & 4900

Org. Name: DHHS & Medical Examiner

Date: October 28, 2014

Org. No.	Department (or Capital Project)	Expenditure	Revenue (or Bonds*)	Tax Levy
8000	DHHS-DSD	\$310,000	\$0	\$310,000
4900	Medical Examiner	(\$15,000)	\$0	(\$15,000)
TOTALS:		\$295,000	\$0	\$295,000

If approved, the Adopted Budget narrative shall be modified as needed to reflect this amendment.

FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND AUDIT COMMITTEE ROLL CALL		
	AYES	NOES
Haas	X	
Mayo	X	
Schmitt	X	
Romo West	X	
Jursik	X	
Lipscomb	X	
Bowen	X	
Co-Chair Cullen	X	
Co-Chair Johnson	X	
TOTALS:	9	0

Approved 9-0