

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: December 31, 2020

TO: Supervisor Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation

SUBJECT: Milwaukee County's 2021 Section 85.21 Grant Application
Informational Report

BACKGROUND

State financial aid is available to counties through the 2021 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 apply. The due date for submission of the 2021 application is December 31, 2020.

Milwaukee County is scheduled to receive \$2,331,316 in 2021, a 1.13 percent decrease over the 2020 allocation. The funds will provide support to Transit Plus (\$1,678,906) and the Department on Aging's Specialized Transportation Program (\$652,410). There is no bottom-line financial impact to the County as these funds are included in the 2021 operating budgets for the respective departments.

Approved by:

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