

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: January 21, 2026

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Anthony Raab, Director, Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, DAS

Subject: 2027 DATCP Staffing Grant of the Milwaukee County Land Conservation Department: From the Director, Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services Section, Department of Administrative Services, requesting authorization to apply for, accept and administer 2027 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection support grants, in the approximate amount of \$75,000, to partially offset the salaries, training, travel, and office expenses of the Land Conservation Department

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

Authorization to apply for and accept 2027 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection support grants, in the approximate amount of \$75,000.

POLICY

Milwaukee County Ordinance 56.06 requires review and approval of federal and state grant and funding applications.

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	56.06
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	

BACKGROUND

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection offers Wisconsin counties grants to help defray staffing costs of land conservation departments.

The Committee on Parks and Culture also serves as the Land Conservation Committee and the Environmental Services Unit within the Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services Section of Facilities Management Division serves as the Land Conservation Department. The Director of the Environmental Services Unit serves as County Conservationist.

Milwaukee County receives this grant annually to help pay salaries, training, travel, and office expenses of the Land Conservation Department (LCD).

Related File No's:	25-190, 24-349, 23-331, 22-397, 21-251, 20-211, 19-244, 18-224, 17-202, 16-156
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	3/24/25 (latest)

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities. The grant is for staffing the Land Conservation Department. The intent of which is soil conservation and nonpoint source abatement of water pollution, which affects all populations, but can disproportionately impact disadvantaged populations.

3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability. This grant provides funding for existing positions with no extra match required.

FISCAL EFFECT

There will be no effect on the adopted budget for the current fiscal year. It will increase operating revenues in 2027.

TERMS

Grant applications are due April 15, 2026. The grant is for the 2027 calendar year.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

Timothy Detzer, Principal Environmental Engineer, DAS-FM
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PREPARED BY:

Timothy Detzer, Principal Environmental Engineer, DAS-FM

APPROVED BY:

Anthony M Raab

Anthony Raab, Director, Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Fiscal Note

Cc: David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive

Sup. Steven Shea Chair, Committee on Transportation and Transit
Sup. Willie Johnson Jr., Chair, Finance Committee
Sup. Sheldon A. Wasserman, Chair, Committee on Parks and Culture
Mary Jo Myers, Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services
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