



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services
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**Advisory Notification of Calendar Year 2026
Contract Covering Social Services and Community Aids Allocations**

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TO: County Board Chairpersons
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County Departments of Human Services Directors
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The purpose of this communication is to provide information to support the Department of Health Services (DHS) State County Grant Award Contract process, by announcing the current calendar year (CY) Department of Health Services Final Allocation amounts, and to highlight major changes to language in the State and County Grant Award Contract template and the program profile requirements. The State and County Grant Award Contract establishes a contractual relationship between the local county agency and DHS.

The documents listed below are published on the [DHS State and County Contract webpage](#):

- Advisory Notification of Calendar Year 2026
- The Department of Health Services Final Allocations spreadsheet

Open Public Participation Process

Counties must meet the open public participation process requirements in Wis. Stat. § 46.031(3). Contact your Area Administrator with any questions.

The Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WBPDD)

Under Wis. Stat. § 51.437(7)(a), WBPDD has review and advisory responsibilities on community budgets and plans for programs affecting persons with developmental disabilities. The Board will issue instructions which enable it to carry out these responsibilities.

Uncertain Federal Funding Environment

The Department funds many State and County Grant Award Contract profiles with federal grant awards. Contract revisions outlined below reflect the fact that the Department has yet to receive grant awards for the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2026 budget period, and, given the considerable uncertainty regarding federal funding at this time, the Department will not reimburse expenses for profiles supported with FFY 2026 grants until those awards are received.

Regarding the Basic County Allocation specifically, the BCA totals \$169.8 million in Calendar Year (CY) 2026. Of that amount, approximately 12% (\$21 million) is funded with federal Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds and another 7% (\$11.25 million) is supported with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds converted to SSBG. The remainder of the BCA is supported with state General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funds. Typically, SSBG notices of award arrive after the start of the grant period, which for federal fiscal year 2026 begins on October 1, 2025. Last January, DHS issued 2025 State County Grant Award Contract BCA Allocations to counties, anticipating the federal government would approve these funds at similar levels for FFY 2026. If the federal government reduces FFY 2026 Social Services Block grant awards, the Department will maintain CY 2025 allocations at current levels. However, CY 2026 BCA allocation reductions would need to be larger to reflect both the ongoing grant reduction and to make up for any reductions for the October to December 2025 quarter.

While much uncertainty exists regarding federal funding in general, we anticipate SSBG and other federal block grants will continue to be funded at some level in the next federal budget. For this reason, we are moving forward with issuing contracts to county agencies for services supported by the block grants. This approach allows us to move forward promptly once we receive notices of award, to reduce the impact of service gaps for Wisconsinites as well as ensure funding continuity to the extent possible for your organization.

However, until we receive notices of award for SSBG, we will implement reimbursement limits for BCA profiles in GEARS to equal only the GPR-funded portion of the BCA. We will take the same approach for other profiles supported with FFY 2026 federal grant awards.

CONTRACT REVISIONS

State County Grant Award Contract Template:

SIGNATURE PAGE PREAMBLE LANGUAGE updated to:

DHS and the Grantee acknowledge that they have read the Agreement and the attached documents, understand them and agree to be bound by their terms and conditions. Further, DHS and the Grantee agree that the Agreement and the exhibits and documents incorporated herein by reference are the complete and exclusive statement of agreement between the parties relating to the subject matter of the Agreement and supersede all proposals, letters of intent or prior agreements, oral or written and all other communications and representations between the parties relating to the subject matter of the Agreement.

DHS and the Grantee acknowledge that funding for the activities under the Agreement relies in part on funding from federal agencies that has not been received by DHS at the effective date of the Agreement; to the extent the Grantee performs functions relying on such funding before being informed that DHS has received the funding, they do so at their own risk. DHS reserves the rights to reject or cancel Agreements based on documents that have been altered. This Agreement becomes null and void if the time between the earlier dated signature and the later dated signature exceeds sixty (60) days, unless waived by DHS.

SIGNATURE BLOCK FORMATTING updated.

Section 5 PAYMENT FOR GRANT AWARD updated to:

- A. All payments will be made as electronic funds transfers (EFT), by the 5th of the month. GEARs agency reports are available not less than five (5) days prior to the scheduled payment date at the following website and should be reviewed and/or printed each month for each agency type for account reconciliation: GEARs Data Queries: <https://health.wisconsin.gov/cars/GetIndexServlet>.
- B. DHS will assign a GEARs agency number to the Grantee.
- C. The Grantee shall report all allowable costs plus any required matching funds stipulated in the reporting instructions for this Agreement, which are incorporated by reference in the Allowable Cost Policy Manual: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/business/allow-cost-manual.htm>.
- D. Unless otherwise defined in the scope of work, the Grantee shall submit expenditures on the form required by DHS to the following email: DHS600RCARS@dhs.wi.gov
- E. Payments to the Grantee will be made on a monthly basis per the GEARs Processing Dates schedule(<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/gears/gears-proc-pymnt.htm>) and based on expenditures submitted by the Grantee on the form required by DHS.
- F. Payments to the Grantee shall not exceed the total Agreement award.
- G. Grantee shall not report costs for activities that rely on federal funds that have not been received by DHS. Payments will not be made by DHS for activities that rely on federal funds that have not been received by DHS.**
- H. If DHS determines that payments were made that exceeded allowable costs or were made **for activities that rely on federal funds that have not been received by DHS**, the Grantee will be notified and have an opportunity to respond. The Grantee shall either substantiate or refund the amount determined to be in excess within thirty (30) days of the initial notification by DHS. DHS may, at its sole discretion, make such refund by withholding money from future payments due the Grantee, at any time during or after the Agreement period. DHS reserves the right to recover such excess funds by any other appropriate legal means.

Section 7 FEDERAL AND STATE RULES AND REGULATIONS

- F. If federally funded, pursuant to 2 C.F.R. §200.322, the requirements of 2 C.F.R. §200.322 must be included in this award. The following clauses are hereby incorporated into this Contract and are enforceable as if restated herein in their entirety by reference to the following link: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/subject-group-ECFR45ddd4419ad436d/section-200.322>
- G. As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.) and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 791 et. seq.), specifically Sections 504 and 508, Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. § 18116 et. seq.), and the Nondiscrimination in Healthcare Programs and Activities Rule (89 F.R. 37522) published on April 24, 2024, the Grantee must adhere to the specific Federal requirements therein, ensuring that all web content and mobile applications (apps) are accessible to people with disabilities. To meet those regulations, the Grantee must adhere to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 in the fulfillment of the Contract.

Section 20. PART C: CONTRACT REVISIONS AND/OR TERMINATION

- C. *Non-Appropriation*: DHS reserves the right to cancel any Agreement in whole or in part without prior notice, any penalty, or liability whatsoever due to non-appropriation of funds or receipt of funds by the Legislature or federal government or for failure of the Grantee to comply with terms, conditions, and specifications of this Agreement.**

Section 37 FUNDING CONTROLS updated to include:

Funding Control	Statement to Use
0-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 0/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
1-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 1/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
2-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 2/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
3-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 3/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
4-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 4/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
5-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 5/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
6-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 6/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
7-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 7/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
8-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 8/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.
9-month	Payments through Jun 30 of the contract year are limited to 9/12th of the contract with the balance paid after Jul 1 of the contract year based on reported costs up to the contract level.

Debarment and Suspension updated to remove “Internal Use Section” to align with internal procedures.

Attestation of Filing Form HHS 690 Form added to grant agreements receiving HHS funding. This is to align with the Grants Policy Statement requirement of filing HHS 690 Form with the Office of Civil Rights.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services has updated their address to 201 E. Washington, Madison WI 53703.

BCA less Match (561)

This is the BCA with the State match portion of the BCA removed. If a county does not spend county matching funds, it is still eligible to receive the funds identified based upon reimbursable Community Aids expenses.

State Match/County Match (681)

This amount is based upon 9.89 percent of all match funds.

Total Match

This is the sum of all Community Aids funds which are subject to county match.

Children’s Community Options Program (377)

Beginning in CY 2026, counties will no longer report service details for CCOP in the HSRS system or end of year reconciliation information via the “Children’s Community Options Program Reconciliation Packet” (F-01997). This information will now be submitted to the Department via the new Health Engagement & Reporting Tool (HEART). Language in the CCOP profile appendix has been updated to reflect this revised reporting mechanism.

There are no other funding or programmatic process changes in the contract between CY 2025 and CY 2026.

Coordinated Services Teams (515) (523)

There has been a significant change in how the 20% match requirement is reported. Profile ID 523 will allow reporting of the required match/non-reimbursable expenses in GEARS.

Community Partnership Diversion Youth Justice (520)

This is the first year that this program is on the state/county contract. As result, it has a new profile ID and the program description is a new document. The goal of the program is to enhance collaboration and coordination of substance use screening, assessment, intervention, and treatment among schools/school districts, mental and substance use health specialists, law enforcement, and youth justice officials at the local level to ensure families have the support and training necessary to divert youth from the justice system.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Substance Use Disorder Treatment (535)

In accordance with 45 CFR 260.20 and 45 CFR 263.2, for TANF eligible individuals and their families as defined in 45 CFR 263.2(b).

Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUPTRS BG) (545, 546, & 570)

Several revisions throughout to align with SAMHSA, IOM, and DHS.

Birth to Three Program (550)

In accordance with the methodology outlined in DMS Numbered Memo 2023-02, Birth to Three program allocations for CY 2026 have been updated to incorporate revised population and enrollment metrics. Total available statewide funding amounts remain the same as in CY 2025, but individual agencies will see funding adjustments based on these revised calculations. There are no other funding or programmatic process changes detailed in the contract between CY 2025 and CY 2026.

Intoxicated Driver Program (567)

IDP clients are to be identified in the Program Participation System (PPS) as (16) Intoxicated Driver Program (IDP) Supplemental Funded in the Target Group field so that OMS performance outcomes can be obtained.

Urban Youth Prevention (589)

This program has returned to the state/county contract for 2026 as 2025 was the first year after a funding opportunity. Changes were made to reflect that the official name of this program is Urban Youth

Prevention. Also, monthly submission of the Cost Tracking Workbook and participation in an annual formal site visit were added.

Children’s Long Term Support Waiver Program (877, 878)

References to CLTS policy resources and related regulations have been updated, and references to the program’s “third party administrator” have been adjusted to read “fiscal agent” to align with a vendor transition.

County CLTS administrative allocations (GEARS profiles 877/878) remain at the same levels that were established for CY 2025.

Reimbursement for Emergency Detention Services Provided to Non-Wisconsin Residents (931)

VI. Additional Requirements The county agency in receipt of this funding will comply with Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards Special Requirements. More information regarding the CLAS Standards Special Requirements will be provided by the BPTR Contract Administrator.

Profiles: 515, 516, 520, 523, 535, 544, 545, 546, 567, 569, 570, 589, 931 language added:

Grant funds may not be used, directly or indirectly, to purchase, prescribe, or provide marijuana or treatment using marijuana. Treatment in this context includes the treatment of opioid use disorder. Grant funds also cannot be provided to any individual or organization that provides or permits marijuana use for the purposes of treating substance use or mental disorders.

See the following references:

45 C.F.R. § 75.300(a): The Federal awarding agency must manage and administer the Federal award in a manner so as to ensure that Federal funding is expended and associated programs are implemented in full accordance with U.S. statutory and public policy requirements: Including, but not limited to, those protecting public welfare, the environment, and prohibiting discrimination. The Federal awarding agency must communicate to the non-Federal entity all relevant public policy requirements, including those in general appropriations provisions, and incorporate them either directly or by reference in the terms and conditions of the Federal award.

21 U.S.C. §§ 812(c)(10): Schedules of controlled substances

21 U.S.C. §§ 841: Prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, purchase, or distribution of marijuana. This prohibition does not apply to those providing such treatment in the context of clinical research permitted by the DEA and under an FDA-approved investigational new drug application where the article being evaluated is marijuana or a constituent thereof that is otherwise a banned controlled substance under federal law. (See 21 C.F.R. § 1301.18)

Legal Service Title III-B (560338)

This profile is to provide Title III-B Supportive Services funding specifically for the use of Legal Services. These funds are provided to the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for the procurement of an outside party to provide Legal Services for the AAA’s service area.

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions, please contact [DHS Area Administration](#).