



RESOLUTION # 22-10/23

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 10-8

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 24  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 6  
Vote Req: -  
Other Action: -

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:   
For: 7  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Abs/Excd: 2 Excd

RE: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR STATE FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2028.

WHEREAS, national youth obesity rates have increased to 42% and adult obesity rates have increased to 37%\* and obesity contributes to increased development of chronic disease and lowered life expectancy; and,

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Safe Routes to School Program increases physical activity among K-8<sup>th</sup> grade children & families by encouraging safe and active commuting to and from school; and the program is expanding active transportation to and from school with students K-12<sup>th</sup> grade, and

WHEREAS, the La Crosse County Safe Routes to School Program and partner organizations including public and private school districts and communities, (La Crosse, Onalaska, Holmen, West Salem and Bangor), Gundersen Health System, Urban Connections, the Wisconsin Bike Fed, seven law enforcement agencies and community groups such as the Safe Kids Coalition of the Coulee Region, the Holmen Safe Routes to School Task Force, positively impacted approximately 8,000 students and their families prior to pandemic program interruption; and,

WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2023, approximately \$1,100,000 in grant funding was awarded to La Crosse County from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School grant program for implementation of Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure activities, and

WHEREAS, current grant funding for Safe Routes to School non-infrastructure activities will sustain the program from 2023 through mid 2026 in the amount of \$447,299 through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternative Program (TAP), with a required 20% match;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the La Crosse County Transportation Alternatives Program's application for state funding in the amount of \$402,598 (with a required 20% match of \$100,649) for state fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028 in order to continue providing this service to schools, children and families in La Crosse County.

FISCAL NOTE: Acceptance of this grant will require a 20% total match of \$100,649 to be levied across the 2026, 2027 and 2028 budgets. The personnel and operating costs related to this ongoing grant are tracked under division 200.300.3583 within the County financial system under the Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention section of the Health Department.

Date: 10/10/23

Christina Z. Green  
COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 10 10 23

Jack Buchholz  
RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	_____	_____	_____
Fin. Director	_____	<u>JK</u>	_____
Corp. Counsel	_____	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____

Requested By: Audra Martine  
Date Requested: October 2, 2023  
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of October, 2023

\*State of Obesity 2023: Better Policies for a Healthier America Report. Trust for America's Health, [Trust for America's Health \(tfah.org\)](http://TrustforAmerica'sHealth.org)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

[Signature]  
Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk