


<div> RESOLUTION # <u>9-7/25</u></div> <div>TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</div>	ITEM # BOARD ACTION Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For: <u>8</u> Against: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>0</u> Abs/Excd: <u>5</u> Vote Req: <u>2/3 Full</u> Other Action: <u>None</u>	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTION Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For: <u>6</u> Against: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>0</u> Abs/Excd: <u>3</u>	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION Adopted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For: <u>8</u> Against: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>0</u> Abs/Excd: <u>1</u>
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RE: ACCEPTING \$350,000 IN COMPREHENSIVE OPIOID ABUSE SITE-BASED PROGRAM (COSSUP) WISCONSIN DEFLECTION INITIATIVE FUNDING & CREATING A RELATED POSITION

WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Department of Justice is awarding grants to ten eligible entities (including city, township, county or tribal governments) to support comprehensive programs that address substance use challenges in their communities, including opioids, stimulants, and other substances, with the aim of deflecting individuals from the justice system by leveraging collaboration with law enforcement or first responders; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse County has been awarded \$350,000 in funding, which may be utilized from July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2027, to support a newly created social worker position, housing supports, and other wraparound supports to expand its deflection efforts through the Pathways Home initiative, targeting individuals at the intersection of substance use, mental health crises, homelessness and justice system involvement; and

WHEREAS, Local data from the Pathways Home Specialized Unit underscore the intersection between homelessness and substance use, as of the 89 unsheltered individuals engaged in 2024:

- 55% presented with both substance use and mental health needs,
- 20% reported active opioid use (including heroin, fentanyl, or prescription opioids),
- 5.5% had substance use needs without concurrent mental illness



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that La Crosse County Board hereby accepts COSSUP Wisconsin Deflection Initiative Funding in the amount of \$350,000, and the County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents to effectuate this Resolution after approval of Corporation Counsel; and,

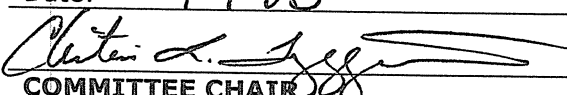
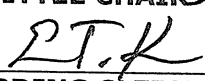
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors authorizes the creation and hiring of a 1.0 FTE Human Services Social Worker position, effective immediately, to fulfill the authorized outreach and case management activities under this grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the additional staff authorized under this resolution will be retained only so long as they can be supported with dollars related to this grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is authorized to make any necessary and appropriate account transfers related to accepting this additional funding.

FISCAL NOTE: The total grant award is \$350,000, with no County match required, and the award period ending August 31, 2027. The operating costs will be tracked under the 210.470.4945 division within the County financial system under the Integrated Support and Recovery Services section.

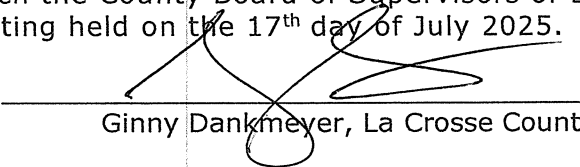
Date: 7-8-25

COMMITTEE CHAIR (Vice)

RECORDING CLERK

Date: 7-9-25

COMMITTEE CHAIR

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	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended	
Co. Admin.	<u> </u>	<u>JK</u>	<u> </u>	Requested By: Jason Witt Date Requested: June 26, 2025 Drafted By: Corporation Counsel
Fin. Director	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Corp. Counsel	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Board Chair	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 17 Day of July, 2025

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 17th day of July 2025.


Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk