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ADRC Funding (Health Services Budget)	**Increase investment in Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) by $19 million in each year of the budget** (GPR).	Increase base funding by $1.6 million GPR/year 1 and $3.2 million GPR/year 2 to increase base allocations to ADRCs and Tribal ADRSs = $4.8 million GPR over the biennium	**Provides $2 million GPR over the biennium to increase ADRC base allocations, with no increase provided for tribal ADRSs.**
Board on Aging and Long-Term Care (BOALTC Budget)	**Funding for 9 new positions** (5 constituent services and 4 policy and administrative support) - **$349,400 yr. 1** (GPR) **and $442,500** (GPR) **in yr. 2**	5 positions & $411,600 GPR over the biennium.	Removed from Gov. Budget. **Final budget provides an additional $1M over the biennium ($463.500 GPR) and removes one program revenue funded position.**
Direct Care Workforce Support (Health Services Budget)	**Provide funding for training, wages, benefits, wrap around services, and incentives** to support the recruitment and retention of direct care workers.		
	(1) **Increase the Medicaid Personal Care (MAPC) rate** (currently set at $24.52/hour) to cover the actual cost of providing care ($36.52/hour).	**Medicaid Personal Care Reimbursement rate** - Increase of $15 million GPR over the biennium.	**Provides $7.5 million GPR to increase the Medicaid personal care reimbursement rate** (no rate/hour specified**).**
	(2)**Create a state certification process for in-home caregiver training** to better meet the needs of the variety of caregiving roles in the long-term care system and provide funding to support training of in-home care workers;	Provide $4,343,900 to increase funding for the **WisCaregiver Career Program**.	**Provides $1 million GPR to increase funding for the WisCaregiver Career Program.**
	(3) **Support higher Medicaid rates for home and community-based services (HCBS)** by providing continued funding to support the minimum fee schedule for adult HCBS services and increase the rates to provide a wage increase to $17.25/hr.; and	The Medicaid cost-to-continue budget assumes state funding will be used in 2025-27 to continue the HCBS minimum fee schedule (based on the $15/hr. wages), currently funded with federal HCBS funding provided under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).	**Funding adjustments account for the estimated cost of continuing minimum fee schedule provisions included in the current Family Care contract.**
	(4) **Create an earned income disregard program to address the fiscal cliff for direct care professionals** when applying for public benefits (Dept. of Children and Families budget).	To align with federal policy changes impacting the **Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program**, provide $24,882,200 (FED) over the biennium to implement a Wisconsin Shares policy that would both: (a) increase the copayment waiver to 150% of the FPL; and (b) limit a participating family's copayment to be no more than 7% of family income (when family income reaches 85% of the state median income, they would no longer be eligible for the program).	**Reduce funding by $20,528,800 in 2026-27 to delete all funding under this item except $2,176,700 FED annually to maintain the cost to continue the waiver under current law of copayments by participating families with income at or below 100% of the FPL and maintains current law for the subsidy phaseout.**
		Medicaid Home Health Care Reimbursement rate (LPNs/RNs)- No reimbursement increase proposed.	**Provide an increase of $346,500 GPR to raise the Medicaid Home Health Reimbursement Rate from $96.96 to $117.86/per visit.**

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Elder Benefit Specialist Program (Health Services Budget)	**Increase funding for local EBS & Legal Supervision by $2.7 million (GPR)/yr.**	**Not included**	**Not included**
Elder Justice Grant Program (Justice Budget)	**Provide $350,000/yr. (GPR) to support training for professionals to detect, prevent, hold offenders accountable, and support victims.**	**Not included**	**Not included**
Guardianship Support Center Grant (Health Services Budget)	**Increase funding for the Guardianship Support Center by $100,000/yr.** (GPR)	Increase funding by $200,000 GPR over the biennium.	**Removed from the budget**
Healthy Aging Grants (Health Services Budget)	**$450,000/yr. (GPR) to support the Falls Free Wis. Center & Evidence Based Health Promotion Activities.**	Creation of a grant for entities providing healthy aging programs - $900,000 GPR over the biennium.	**Not included**
Home Delivered Meal Services/Meals on Wheels (Health Services Budget)	**Increase funding for HDMs by $12.6 million/yr**. (GPR - from the current level of $868,794 to $13.5M/yr.)	Increase funding for HDM services by $21.6 million GPR over the biennium.	**Removed from the budget**
Housing (Administration Budget)	Preserve older adults' financial security by:		
	(1) Expanding low-income housing tax credits for developers, focused on older adult housing;	**Not included**	**Not included**
	(2) Expanding funding for the State Trust Fund Loan Program to help finance development of affordable housing;	**Create an affordable housing and workforce development grant program** funded from a biennial GPR appropriation and provide $1,000,000 in 2025-26	**Removed from the budget**
	(3) Increasing the income limit and maximum annual loan limit within the Property Tax Deferral Loan Program; and	**Not included**	**Not included**
	(4) Expanding the Revolving Loan Program eligibility to include larger municipalities.	**Not included**	**Not included**
		Homelessness Prevention Initiatives increase funding by $22.9 million GPR over the biennium and create two new positions.	**Removed from the budget**
		Create a grant program to incentivize eliminating zoning barriers for affordable housing funded by $20 million GPR in 2025-26	**Removed from the budget**
Transportation (Transportation Budget)	**Increase funding for specialized transportation services** to support the health, well-being, financial security, independence, and community engagement of Wisconsinites who do not drive by:		

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	(1) Increase specialized transportation funding by 10%, approximately $1.6 million/annually for s.85.21 (counties) and $43,560/annually for s.85.215 (tribes) **and incorporate annual inflationary increases for both program**s to ensure future expansion and maintenance of services, and	**Provide $4.9 million over the biennium for county assistance in the provision of seniors and individuals with disabilities specialized transportation services.** This would provide a 10% annual increase in the county assistance appropriation (s.85.21), **and increase (s.85.215) funding over the biennium by $135,100 PR to the 11 federally-recognized Wisconsin tribes** for the provision of transportation service to tribal elders on and off tribal reservations.	**Not included - s.85.21 and s.85.215**
	(2) Increase the capital and operation assistance program funding for specialized transportation (s.85.22) by 20% ($220,580) to assist with operations, replacement or acquisition of new transit vehicles and expand mobility management services to meet the needs of non-drivers as they age.	**Provide $201,400 SEG over the biennium for the seniors and individuals with disabilities specialized assistance program.**	**Not included**
		Provide $1,192,400 in 2025-26 and $6,009,500 in 2026-27 to increase mass transit operating assistance to each tier of mass transit systems for both calendar year 2026 and calendar year 2027.	**Not included**
		Provide $1,006,300 in 2025-26 and $4,025,100 in 2026-27 to increase mass transit operating assistance to Tier C transit systems for calendar year 2026, and thereafter.	**Not included**
		Provide **$20,000,000** in 2025-26 to a new, continuing **GPR** appropriation under DOT for **transit capital assistance grants.**	**Removed from budget**
		Provide 1.5 million over the biennium for paratransit. This funding would provide a **20% increase in paratransit aids in 2025-26**, with anadditional 3.3% increase in 2026-27.	**Provide $343,800 annually for a 10% increase to funding for paratransit aids** in the first year of the 2025-27 biennium.
Voting/Elections (Transportation and Elections Commission Budgets)	**Expanding service hours at existing DMV locations** to include expanded weekday hours and Saturday hours in the four weeks preceding a statewide election.	**Provide $494,000 SEG over the biennium to the Division of Motor Vehicles general operations appropriation to assist in the initial implementation of automatic voter registration.**	**Removed from budget**
	Co-locating DMV state identification (ID) operations at locations currently accessed by non-drivers and people with disabilities such as Aging and Disability Resource Centers, income maintenance offices, and human service departments.	**Not included**	**Not included**

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	Allocate additional funding for specialized transportation programs (Wis. Stat. §85.21 and §85.215) **to fund transportation for voting related activities** including transportation to the DMV, municipal clerks, early voting locations, and to polling sites on election day.	Not included	Not included
	Allocate additional funding to the Wisconsin Elections Commission for expansion of the Polling Place Accessibility Audits program (to fund an increased number of audits conducted on Election days) **and the Accessibility Supply Program** providing cost effective and simple solutions to address accessibility issues at polling places.	**Provide $9,700 annually for the Accessibility Review and Supply Program.**	Not included