

May 7, 2025

Contact Joint Finance Committee Members and Your State Legislators to Support the Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) priorities in the 2025-27 State Budget!

The Joint Finance Committee is scheduled to begin voting on sections of the 2025-27 State Budget tomorrow (Thurs., May 8). The agenda includes removing a number of items included in Governor Evers' budget. To view the agenda and a detailed list of items the JFC is proposing be removed from further budget consideration, see [Budget Motion #4](#). Among the list for removal are:

- Homelessness Prevention Initiatives
- Affordable Housing and Workforce Development Grant Program
- Board on Aging and Long Term Care – Ombudsman and administrative staff
- Automatic Voter Registration
- Voter Bill of Rights
- Full Medicaid expansion
- Home-delivered meals
- Health Care Provider Innovation Grants (previously ARPA funded)
- Home and Community Based Services (previously ARPA funded)
- Falls Prevention Grants
- Respite Care Grant
- Guardianship Grant
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Peer-Run Respite Centers
- Peer-Run Warmline Grant
- Insulin Safety Net Programs
- Insulin Copayment Cap
- Regional Transit Authorities
- Transit Capital Assistance Grants
- Family and Medical Leave Expansion
- Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits

Many of WAAN's budget priorities remain in the budget; this is not a guarantee that these items will make it into the final budget bill.

Still in Play:

- Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)
- Adult Protective Services
- Alzheimer's and Family Caregiver Support Program (AFCSP)

- Alzheimer’s Disease Grant
- Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Fund
- Independent Living Centers
- Wisconsin Assistive Technology Program
- Accessibility Review and Supply Program
- Mass Transit Operating Assistance Tier C
- Paratransit Aids
- Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities County Assistance Program – s.85.21
- Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Specialized Assistance Program – s.85.22

WAAN also has budget priorities that were not in the Governor’s budget that we want to see included in the final budget. These items include:

- Additional Direct Care Workforce Supports
- Elder Justice Grant Program

Find a complete list of WAAN budget priorities here: [WAAN 2025-27 State Budget Priorities](#).

Action Needed: Contact the members of the Joint Finance Committee and your state legislators tonight (5/7) or tomorrow (5/8) morning to voice your concern about the impact of removing items important to you and/or those you serve. In addition, ask them to retain important items on the “still in play” list and to include items not initially included in the Governor’s budget.

You can submit your comments to all JFC members via the Budget Public Comment portal at <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments/submit-comment/>.

Contact information for your state legislators can be found by entering your home mailing address here - <https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/>

Core member organizations

Aging and Disability Professionals Association of Wisconsin (ADPAW) • Alzheimer’s Association Wisconsin Chapter Board on Aging and Long Term Care (BOALTC) • Wisconsin Adult Day Services Association (WADSA) Wisconsin Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A) • Wisconsin Association of Benefit Specialists (WABS) Wisconsin Association of Nutrition Directors (WAND) • Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC) Wisconsin Family and Caregiver Support Alliance (WFACSA) • Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA) Wisconsin Senior Advocates • Wisconsin Senior Corps Association (WISCA) • Wisconsin Tribal Aging Unit Association

Mission

The Wisconsin Aging Advocacy Network (WAAN) works with and for all older adults by educating community members and policy makers on priority issues while advocating for meaningful change. Learn more at <https://gwaar.org/waan>.