

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** County Code Administrators  
WI Fund Program Authorized Representatives  
Other Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT:** Status of WI Fund Program

On Monday July 09, 2007 the State Assembly released their proposed version of the next state budget. Included in this version of the budget is a proposal to reduce the FY'08 grant appropriation by 10% and to eliminate the program starting with FY'09.

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion regarding this proposal. Please be advised that the Department of Commerce **did not initiate** this proposal. Also, please keep in mind that at this time it is just that – a proposal. The next step will be for the legislative state budget conference committee to meet to attempt to reconcile differences in the Senate and Assembly versions of the budget. (The Governor's budget does not contain this type of proposal.)

We are aware that some counties are already considering notifying grant applicants that their grant amounts will be reduced and/or eliminated. Because of the current uncertainty, it is our suggestion that you consider refraining from contacting grant applicants with this type of information because this situation may change several times and this will only add to the confusion. It is premature to announce anything specific changes because nothing definitive has occurred.

At this time, the WI Fund program and the POWTS program (along with the chapter Comm 83 revision process) continue to operate without change. We will continue to provide you with updated information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions about this situation, please feel free to contact Jean Joyce @ 608/267-7113 or [jean.joyce@wi.gov](mailto:jean.joyce@wi.gov), or me. Thanks!