

2025 – 2027 Executive Biennial Budget Proposal

The Clean Energy Economy

Green Innovation Fund - Increase lending and investment activities in the renewable energy sector	\$50 million
Grants for Biodigester Operator Certification and Regional Planning	\$600,000
Rural Capacity Building	\$5 million
Advanced Manufacturing Grants - Small and midsize manufacturing companies	\$5 million
Accelerate Wisconsin - Business accelerator program at WEDC to be administered in conjunction with the University of Wisconsin System	\$10 million
Energy Innovation Grant program - energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy storage and energy planning	\$20 million
RePowering Brownfields Pilot Program	\$1 million
Nuclear Power Plant Feasibility Study	\$1 million
Research Credit Expansion for Nuclear Research	11.5% Tax Credit
Utility Aid for Energy Storage Facilities	Utility Aid Calc

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Grants for Local Projects - Grants to nonstate entities for local building projects that serve a statewide purpose, as determined by the Building Commission	\$165.1 million
Local Government Grant Resource Team - Grant resource team to assist local governments in navigating federal and state grant application processes	\$822,400
Enhanced Electricity Resource Planning - Requires electric utilities with owned generation to submit biennial integrated resource plans that evaluate the utility's ability to meet long-term electricity demand and its planned approach to integrate clean energy into its portfolio	Policy
Securitization Of Retiring Power Plants	Policy
Energy and Liquefied Natural Gas Storage Facilities	Utility Calc
Intervenor Compensation Funding	\$415,000
Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity Final Action Extension	Policy
Focus on Energy Funding & Residential Customer Energy Storage	2.4% Utility OR
Energy Improvements Low-Cost Debt Financing	Financing
Dairy Agriculture Resilience Investment Now Grant Pilot Program	\$1.5 million

Clean Energy and Nuclear

Nuclear feasibility study	\$1 million
Tax credit expansion to include research activities in the field of nuclear energy	11.5% earnings
Green Innovation Fund	\$50 million
Focus on Energy funding increase	\$100 million
Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP)	\$20 million
Community Climate Action Grants program	\$10 million
Brownfields to renewable energy sites incentives for utilities	\$1 million
Clean Energy Job Training	\$2 million
Intervenor Compensation program	\$400,000
"On-bill financing" where a homeowner can pay for these improvements over time via a surcharge on their monthly energy bill	Enabling Policy
Integrated Resource Plans - Outline a utility's resource needs to meet expected electricity demand over a long-term time horizon	Policy

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

For over 30 years, the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson Stewardship Program played a critical role in the state's efforts to protect and enhance Wisconsin's vast and valuable land and water resources, as well as Wisconsinites' way of life. Governor Evers is proposing the largest increase in funding in state history allocating \$100 million annually (\$1 billion total) and reauthorizing the program through 2036.

Support for local parks departments
DNR funding to perform maintenance and development projects at state public lands, such as state parks and state natural areas
Improving facilities at DNR properties will lead to a better and safer experience for Wisconsinites who visit and explore these parks and lands
Increased funding will also be available for land acquisition projects
Two new subprograms: one program provides support to nonprofit conservation organizations to perform habitat management on already-preserved lands. Another new program to perform tribal co-management activities on DNR lands in partnership with Tribal Nations located in Wisconsin and Tribal partner organizations
Revitalizes the Motorized Recreation subprogram to assist in acquiring trail easements or parcels for motorized recreational trails and supporting vital crossing projects
Maintains oversight measures, such as the Natural Resources Board, the Waterways Commission, and local governments

Support for Tribal Nations

Grants to each American Indian tribe or Band in Wisconsin	\$41.46 million
Grants to tribes or bands to support home repairs that reduce energy burdens and improve health outcomes	\$1 million annually
Director of Native American Affairs and Agency Tribal Liaisons	\$1.5 million
Tribal Enterprise Accelerator Program	\$5 million
Tribal family services grants to better support Native American children in the child welfare system	\$7.7 million
Tribal child care training and technical assistance	\$1 million
Adult protective services units and a position to facilitate Tribal Nation adult protective services coordination	\$7.5 million
Tribal Elder Food Box program	\$2 million
Tribal Nations grants to repair and maintain Tribal-owned fish hatcheries	\$2 million
Manoomin (wild rice) stewardship and public education efforts in ceded territory waters	\$400,000

Agriculture and Support for Farmers

Dairy Agriculture Resilience Investment Now Grant program (DARING)	\$1.5 million
Farmer Wellness Program	\$200,000
Producer-Led Watershed Grant program	\$1 million
Soil and Water Resource Management program	\$3 million
Cover Crop Insurance Rebate Program	\$1.6 million
Commercial Nitrogen Optimization program	\$3.2 million
Farmer support for planning and operating biodigesters	\$500,000
Transition to Grass program	\$1 million
Food Security Initiative - Assists food banks with acquiring food and supporting local pantries in keeping shelves stocked	\$30 million
Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) program	Admin Funding
Food waste reduction grants	\$200,000
Farm to Fork grant program	\$400,000

Comprehensively Addressing PFAS

Governor Evers' budget proposal allocates over \$145 million to address PFAS with a comprehensive plan supporting private well owners and municipalities across surface, drinking, and groundwater.

PFAS Municipal Community Grant Program	\$96.4 million
County PFAS Well Testing Grant Program	\$4 million
Research PFAS destruction and disposal methods	\$14.65 million
Grants for businesses and communities to reduce or eliminate PFAS use	\$6.35 million
Statewide research to better understand PFAS prevalence	\$11.81 million
Emergency response to PFAS contamination including safe, bottled water	\$2 million
Sampling, testing, and remediation of PFAS contamination for innocent landowners	\$7 million
Appropriate, needed staffing at the DNR and DHS to address PFAS	\$1.6 million
Statewide biomonitoring studies to assess PFAS exposure level	\$1.26 million
Expanding eligibility for the state's Well Compensation Grant program	\$5 million

Addressing & Preventing Lead Poisoning

Recognizing that there is no safe level of lead for humans, Gov. Evers' 2025-27 budget proposal includes numerous initiatives aimed at removing lead service lines and keeping Wisconsin's drinking water and environment free from lead.

Governor approved actions at the Department of Health Services to lower the lead poisoning threshold from 5 to 3.5 µg/dL	Policy Action
Funding for local health departments to perform additional lead hazard investigations for Wisconsin kids	\$6.2 million
Windows Plus Program	\$100 million
Funding for in-home child care providers across Milwaukee County for lead-free drinking water	\$7.1 million
Lead service line replacement funding	\$200 million
Enabling policy that allows water utilities to provide 100% grant funding to households to replace lead service lines	Policy Action

Well Compensation Grant Program

With the success of Gov. Evers' federally funded Well Compensation grant program demonstrating the significant need for the expansion of our well compensation program to better serve rural Wisconsinites, Gov. Evers' 2025-27 budget proposal once again proposes expanding the eligibility criteria for the state Well Compensation grant program to enable more Wisconsin households to access this program.

Increasing the household income limit from \$65,000 per family to \$100,000 per family
Matching eligibility for multiple contaminant standards to relevant state or federal health standards, including arsenic, nitrate, and PFAS
Enabling DNR to prioritize applications based on the level of contamination
Allowing DNR to cover 100% of costs for families making less than the median family income
The governor's proposal also allocates an additional \$2.5 million annually to the state Well Compensation grant program to meet the increased demand from the expanded eligibility
Gov. Evers' proposal would enable some small businesses and organizations that provide drinking water to members and customers to access the grant program, such as churches, restaurants, and daycares

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