



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 SENATE BILL 855

December 26, 2023 - Introduced by Senators FELZKOWSKI, BALLWEG, PFAFF, SPREITZER, TAYLOR and TOMCZYK, cosponsored by Representatives KURTZ, SWEARINGEN, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, BARE, BEHNKE, EDMING, GOEBEN, GOYKE, GREEN, GUNDRUM, HURD, JACOBSON, S. JOHNSON, KITCHENS, MICHALSKI, MURSAU, NOVAK, O'CONNOR, OLDENBURG, PENTERMAN, RETTINGER, SCHMIDT, SHANKLAND and TRANEL. Referred to Committee on Universities and Revenue.

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.835 (1) (zm) and 73.03 (78) of the statutes; **relating to:** local  
2             grant writing and compliance assistance and making an appropriation.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill requires the Department of Revenue, in each year from 2024 through 2027, to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to political subdivisions with populations of less than 10,000 to be used to obtain grant writing and compliance assistance services. These grants may be used to obtain services only for grants related to public works, transportation infrastructure, or public safety.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3             **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
4             the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

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**SECTION 1**

**2023-24**

**2024-25**

1 **20.835 Shared revenue and tax relief**

2 (1) SHARED REVENUE PAYMENTS

3 (zm) Grant writing and compliance

4 assistance SEG A -0- 3,000,000

5 **SECTION 2.** 20.835 (1) (zm) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.835 (1) (zm) *Grant writing and compliance assistance.* From the local  
7 government fund, the amounts in the schedule for the local grant writing and  
8 compliance assistance program under s. 73.03 (78).

9 **SECTION 3.** 73.03 (78) of the statutes is created to read:

10 73.03 (78) To establish and maintain a local grant writing and compliance  
11 assistance program. Under the program, in each year from 2024 through 2027, the  
12 department shall award grants to applicant political subdivisions, as defined in s.  
13 66.0602 (1) (c), with populations of less than 10,000 to be used for obtaining grant  
14 writing and compliance assistance services. All of the following apply to the program  
15 under this subsection:

16 (a) Grant writing and compliance assistance services grants under this  
17 subsection may be used only to obtain services for grants related to any of the  
18 following:

- 19 1. Public works.
- 20 2. Transportation infrastructure.
- 21 3. Public safety.

22 (b) The department shall prescribe a simple and clear application that is  
23 reasonably accessible to political subdivisions with limited staffing resources.

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1 (c) In each year in which this subsection applies, the department shall  
2 prioritize grants for political subdivisions that have not previously received a grant  
3 under this subsection.

4 (d) A grant under this subsection may not exceed \$5,000.

5 (e) No later than December 31, 2026, the department shall submit a report to  
6 the joint committee on finance evaluating the program under this subsection.

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(END)