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2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## 2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 493

October 1, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives GRUSZYNSKI, BOWEN, CONSIDINE, CROWLEY and OHNSTAD, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Tourism.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.866 (1) (u); and *to create* 13.48 (46h), 20.866 (2) (zcu) and  
2           20.867 (3) (cu) of the statutes; **relating to:** 2019-21 Authorized State Building  
3           Program, grant to the Greater Green Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau,  
4           granting bonding authority, and making an appropriation.

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

This bill amends the 2019-21 Authorized State Building Program to add a grant to the Greater Green Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, to assist in the construction of a visitor information and education center in Brown County. The project has a combined cost of \$7,000,000 (\$2,000,000 in general fund supported borrowing authority and \$5,000,000 in gifts, grants, and other receipts).

For further information see the **state** 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:***

5           **SECTION 1.** 13.48 (46h) of the statutes is created to read:  
6           13.48 (**46h**)   EXPERIENCE GREATER GREEN BAY VISITOR INFORMATION AND  
7           EDUCATION CENTER. (a) The legislature finds and determines that the tourism

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1 industry is of vital importance in creating jobs and contributing to economic  
2 development and tourism in this state and is a statewide responsibility of statewide  
3 dimension. It is therefore in the public interest, and it is the public policy of this  
4 state, to assist the Experience Greater Green Bay Corporation and Greater Green  
5 Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., in the construction of a visitor information  
6 and education center in Brown County.

7 (b) The building commission may authorize up to \$2,000,000 in general fund  
8 supported borrowing to assist the Experience Greater Green Bay Corporation and  
9 Greater Green Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., in the construction of a  
10 visitor information and education center in Brown County. The state funding  
11 commitment shall be in the form of a grant to the Greater Green Bay Convention &  
12 Visitors Bureau, Inc. Before approving any state funding commitment for the  
13 construction of the visitor information and education center, the building  
14 commission shall determine that the Greater Green Bay Convention & Visitors  
15 Bureau, Inc., has secured additional funding for the project of at least \$5,000,000  
16 from nonstate revenue sources.

17 (c) If the building commission authorizes a grant to the Greater Green Bay  
18 Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., under par. (b), and if, for any reason, the space  
19 that is constructed with funds from the grant is not used for visitor information and  
20 education, the state shall retain an ownership interest in the constructed space equal  
21 to the amount of the state's grant.

22 **SECTION 2.** 20.866 (1) (u) of the statutes, as affected by 2019 Wisconsin Act 9,  
23 is amended to read:

24 20.866 (1) (u) *Principal repayment and interest.* A sum sufficient from moneys  
25 appropriated under sub. (2) (zp) and ss. 20.115 (2) (d) and (7) (b) and (s), 20.190 (1)

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1 (c), (d), (i), and (j), 20.225 (1) (c) and (i), 20.245 (1) (e) and (j), 20.250 (1) (c) and (e),  
2 20.255 (1) (d), 20.285 (1) (d), (gj), and (je), 20.320 (1) (c) and (t) and (2) (c), 20.370 (7)  
3 (aa), (ad), (ag), (aq), (ar), (at), (au), (bq), (br), (cb), (cc), (cd), (cg), (cq), (cr), (cs), (ct), (ea),  
4 (eq), and (er), 20.395 (6) (af), (aq), (ar), and (au), 20.410 (1) (e), (ec), and (ko) and (3)  
5 (e) and (fm), 20.435 (2) (ee), 20.465 (1) (d), 20.485 (1) (f) and (go) and (4) (qm), 20.505  
6 (4) (es), (et), (ha), and (hb) and (5) (c), (g), and (kc), 20.855 (8) (a), and 20.867 (1) (a)  
7 and (b) and (3) (a), (b), (bb), (bc), (bd), (be), (bf), (bg), (bh), (bj), (bL), (bm), (bn), (bq),  
8 (br), (bt), (bu), (bv), (bw), (bx), (cb), (cd), (cf), (ch), (cj), (cq), (cr), (cs), (cu), (cw), (cx),  
9 (g), (h), (i), (kd), and (q) for the payment of principal, interest, premium due, if any,  
10 and payment due, if any, under an agreement or ancillary arrangement entered into  
11 under s. 18.06 (8) (a) relating to any public debt contracted under subchs. I and IV  
12 of ch. 18.

13 **SECTION 3.** 20.866 (2) (zcu) of the statutes is created to read:

14 20.866 (2) (zcu) *Experience Greater Green Bay Visitor Information and*  
15 *Education Center.* From the capital improvement fund, a sum sufficient for the  
16 building commission to provide a grant to the Greater Green Bay Convention &  
17 Visitors Bureau, Inc., for the construction of the visitor information and education  
18 center specified in s. 13.48 (46h). The state may contract public debt in an amount  
19 not to exceed \$2,000,000 for this purpose.

20 **SECTION 4.** 20.867 (3) (cu) of the statutes is created to read:

21 20.867 (3) (cu) *Principal repayment, interest, and rebates; Experience Greater*  
22 *Green Bay Visitor Information and Education Center.* A sum sufficient to reimburse  
23 s. 20.866 (1) (u) for the payment of principal and interest costs incurred in financing  
24 the construction of the visitor information and education center specified in s. 13.48  
25 (46h), to make the payments determined by the building commission under s. 13.488

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1 (1) (m) that are attributable to the proceeds of obligations incurred in financing the  
 2 project, and to make payments under an agreement or ancillary arrangement  
 3 entered into under s. 18.06 (8) (a).

4 **SECTION 5. Nonstatutory provisions.**

5 (1) In 2019 Wisconsin Act 9, section 9104 (1), the following new paragraph is  
 6 created to add the following new project to the 2019-21 Authorized State Building  
 7 Program and the appropriate totals are increased by the amount shown:

(Ls) EXPERIENCE GREATER GREEN BAY — VISITOR  
 EDUCATION CENTER BUILDING — BROWN COUNTY

1. *Projects financed by general fund supported  
 borrowing:*

a. Experience Greater Green Bay — Visitor

Education Center building	\$	2,000,000
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(Total project all funding sources \$7,000,000)

2. *Projects financed by gifts, grants, and other receipts:*

a. Experience Greater Green Bay — Visitor

Education Center building	5,000,000
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(Total project all funding sources \$7,000,000)

3. *Agency totals:*

General fund supported borrowing	2,000,000
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Gifts, grants, and other receipts	<u>5,000,000</u>
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Total — All sources of funds	\$	\$7,000,000
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1           (2) Notwithstanding s. 13.48 (46h) (b), the building commission may not make  
2           a grant to the Greater Green Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., for the  
3           construction of the visitor information and education center, as enumerated in sub.  
4           (1), under s. 13.48 (46h), unless the department of administration has reviewed and  
5           approved plans for the project. Notwithstanding ss. 16.85 (1) and 16.855 (1m), the  
6           department of administration may not supervise any services or work or let any  
7           contract for the project. Section 16.87 does not apply to the project.

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