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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 209

April 14, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives Seidel, Bies, Danou, Grigsby, Hraychuck, Jorgensen, Kestell, Mason, Milroy, Molepske Jr., A. Ott, Petrowski, Spanbauer, Tauchen and Van Akkeren, cosponsored by Senators Holperin, Decker, Jauch, Lehman, Leibham and Taylor. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

AN ACT *to amend* 59.53 (3) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing a county to provide assistance to a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to certain individuals.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a county is authorized to operate a relief program for certain individuals who reside in the county, based on eligibility criteria set by the county. The county program may provide services, commodities, or money and may contain a work component. Current law also authorizes a county to appropriate money to provide emergency energy supplies to individuals or to provide grants to community action agencies or municipalities to assist individuals with the purchase of such supplies.

This bill authorizes a county to appropriate money to a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to low–income individuals or individuals who are victims of domestic violence and related crimes, and to make payments to such an organization for its capital and operational expenses.

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

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

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SECTION 1.	59.53	(3)	of the statutes	is	amended	to	read
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appropriate funds for promoting and assisting any community action agency under s. 49.265, and for making payments to a nonprofit organization, as defined in s. 23.197 (4) (a) 1., that has as a substantial purpose providing assistance to low–income individuals or individuals who are the victims of domestic violence and related crimes. The county may also appropriate money for making payments to such a nonprofit organization for its capital and operational expenses.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on July 1, 2008.

11 (END)