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### 2025 Wisconsin Act 27 [2025 Senate Bill 278]

### Community-Oriented Policing-House Grant Program

## BACKGROUND

2021 Wisconsin Act 51 created the community-oriented policing-house grant program, which requires the Department of Justice (DOJ) to award grants to cities with a population of 30,000 or more to fund community-oriented policing-house programs, subject to certain criteria.

2023 Wisconsin Act 19 maintained the program for the 2023-25 biennium, appropriated \$500,000 in fiscal year 2023-24, converted the program's appropriation from annual to biennial, and repealed the program, effective July 1, 2025.

## 2025 WISCONSIN ACT 27

2025 Wisconsin Act 27 extends the effective date for the repeal of the community-oriented policing-house grant program to July 1, 2027, rather than July 1, 2025. The act also changes the program's appropriation from biennial to continuing, allowing the funds appropriated in 2023 Wisconsin Act 19 to be expended in the 2025-27 fiscal biennium.<sup>1</sup>

**Effective date:** July 1, 2025

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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<sup>1</sup> SECTION 9127 of 2025 Wisconsin Act 15, the 2025-27 Biennial Budget Act, specifies that any unencumbered balance in the DOJ appropriation for the community-oriented policing-house grant program at the end of the 2023-25 fiscal biennium may not revert to the fund from which appropriated and instead must be retained in that account, regardless of the general rule that unencumbered biennial appropriations lapse at the end of the biennium.