



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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2025 SENATE BILL 608

November 6, 2025 - Introduced by Senators WIMBERGER, JAMES, QUINN, STAFSHOLT and TOMCZYK, cosponsored by Representatives FRANKLIN, MOSES, HURD, ARMSTRONG, BEHNKE, BRILL, DITTRICH, DONOVAN, GOEBEN, GREEN, B. JACOBSON, KAUFERT, KNODL, O'CONNOR, PENTERMAN, SNYDER, SPIROS, TUCKER, WICHGERS, MURSAU and STEFFEN. Referred to Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families.

1 **AN ACT to create** 20.485 (2) (vv) of the statutes; **relating to:** a state matching
2 grant program for recipients of federal per diem payments and making an
3 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current federal law, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs awards per diem payments to eligible organizations that furnish services to homeless veterans in an amount of up to \$82.73 per day per veteran housed.

The bill appropriates \$950,000 in each fiscal year of the 2025-26 biennium to the state Department of Veterans Affairs to provide state matching grants to eligible entities other than the state that are recipients of federal per diem payments.

For further information see the state 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:

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

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SECTION 1

2025-26

2026-27

1 **20.485 Veterans affairs, department of**

2 (2) LOANS AND AIDS TO VETERANS

3 (vv) State matching grants SEG A 950,000 950,000

4 **SECTION 2.** 20.485 (2) (vv) of the statutes is created to read:

5 20.485 (2) (vv) *State matching grants.* The amounts in the schedule to
6 provide state matching grants to eligible entities other than the state that are
7 recipients of federal per diem payments.

8 (END)