



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 SENATE BILL 253

March 31, 2021 - Introduced by Senators BALLWEG, CARPENTER, DARLING, FEYEN, RINGHAND and SMITH, cosponsored by Representatives VANDERMEER, OLDENBURG, DOYLE, ARMSTRONG, BOWEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CABRERA, EDMING, GUNDRUM, JAMES, B. MEYERS, MURSAU, NOVAK, PETRYK, PLUMER, ROZAR, SCHRAA, SHANKLAND, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SPIROS, SPREITZER, STEFFEN, SUBECK, TRANEL, WITTKE and ZIMMERMAN. Referred to Committee on Human Services, Children and Families.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 20.435 (5) (ef) and 51.72 of the statutes; **relating to:** grants  
2             for suicide prevention programming and making an appropriation.

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

This bill requires the Department of Health Services to award grants to organizations or coalitions of organizations, including cities, villages, towns, counties, and American Indian tribes for suicide prevention programming. A grant recipient must contribute matching funds or in-kind services having a value equal to at least 20 percent of the grant amount.

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:***

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

**SENATE BILL 253**

**SECTION 1**

**2021-22**

**2022-23**

1 **20.435 Health services, department of**

2 (5) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

3 (ef) Suicide prevention programming

4 grants	GPR	B	250,000	250,000
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5 **SECTION 2.** 20.435 (5) (ef) of the statutes is created to read:

6 20.435 (5) (ef) *Suicide prevention programming grants.* Biennially, the  
7 amounts in the schedule for suicide prevention programming grants under s. 51.72.

8 **SECTION 3.** 51.72 of the statutes is created to read:

9 **51.72 Suicide prevention programming grants.** (1) From the  
10 appropriation under s. 20.435 (5) (ef), the department shall award grants to  
11 organizations or coalitions of organizations, which may include a city, village, town,  
12 county, or federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, for suicide  
13 prevention programming.

14 (2) The department may not award a grant under sub. (1) unless the recipient  
15 contributes matching funds or in-kind services having a value equal to at least 20  
16 percent of the grant.

17 (3) The department may award a grant to a recipient under sub. (1) for an  
18 amount up to \$25,000 in a particular fiscal year.

19 (END)