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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

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**2021 Wisconsin Act 184**  
[2021 Assembly Bill 333]

**Crisis Program  
Enhancement Grants**

### BACKGROUND

State law appropriates \$250,000 each biennium to the Department of Health Services (DHS) to award grants to counties or regions comprised of multiple counties to establish or enhance crisis programs to serve individuals having crises in rural areas. Under prior law, grant recipients were required to provide a 50-percent match to the state-funded grant award from DHS.

### 2021 WISCONSIN ACT 184

2021 Wisconsin Act 184 expands the authorized purposes of this grant program by also allowing DHS to award grants to counties or municipalities, or regions comprised of multiple counties or municipalities, to establish and enhance law enforcement and behavioral health services emergency response collaboration programs. For all grants awarded under the \$250,000 program, the act requires a minimum 25-percent match, instead of the 50-percent match required under prior law, and limits single grant awards to \$100,000 or less.

The act also requires DHS to collect information from counties, municipalities, and regions comprised of multiple counties and municipalities receiving a grant and submit a report to the appropriate legislative standing committees by June 30 of each odd-numbered year. The report must address all of the following topics:

- The uses that the grants were directed towards.
- Outcomes generated as a result of enhancing relationships between law enforcement and crisis response services.
- Any other accountability measures determined relevant by DHS.

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