

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Charmian Klyve
INITIATED BY



Phil Boutwell
DRAFTED BY

Human Services Board
SUBMITTED BY

May 1, 2015
DATE DRAFTED

Accepting Additional Income Maintenance Allocation and Amending the 2015 Budget due to New FSET ABAWD Requirements and Creating 3.0 FTE New ES Project Positions

1 **WHEREAS**, the 2013-15 State Budget modified the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET)
2 Program; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, beginning in April, 2015 all Able-bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD's
5 between 18-49 years of age) will be required to participate in FSET in order to maintain their eligibility
6 for FoodShare benefits; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued an Addendum to the Income
9 Maintenance contract between the State of Wisconsin and the Southern Consortium to provide
10 \$354,074 supplemental funding for the Southern Consortium; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, Rock County serves as the fiscal agent for the Southern Consortium and therefore accepts
13 the funding effective April 1, 2015 and allocates it to the member counties based on their proportional
14 share of Food Share ABAWD caseload; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County HSD requests its \$230,936 share of funding be used to hire up to 3.0 FTE
17 Project ES staff for the additional workload and support ABAWD related work in the ES Division that is
18 associated with the State's initiative.
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20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
21 this 29 day of May, 2015 does hereby accept the additional IM Allocation and approves
22 the creation of 3.0 FTE Project Economic Support Specialists and authorizes the Human Services
23 Department to fill those positions; and,
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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2015 Human Services Budget be amended as follows:

	Budget <u>5/1/15</u>	Increase <u>(Decrease)</u>	Amended <u>Budget</u>
29 Account/Description			
30 Source of Funds			
31 36-3605-0000-42100	\$3,146,226	\$123,138	\$3,269,364
32 Federal Aid			
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34 Use of Funds			
35 36-3605-0000-62119	\$3,151,956	\$123,138	\$3,275,094
36 Other Contracted Services			
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38 Source of Funds			
39 36-3609-0000-42100	\$0	\$230,936	\$230,936
40 Federal Aid			
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42 Use of Funds			
43 36-3609-0000-68201	\$0	\$230,936	\$230,936
44 ESS Allocation			

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Respectfully submitted,

ROCK COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

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FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of 4-0

Mary Mawhinney
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$354,074 in Federal Aid for the FSET ABAWD program and creates 3.0 FTE of new Project Economic Support Specialist positions. No County matching funds are required.

Sherry Oja
Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

As an amendment to the adopted 2015 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats. The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §59.22(2), Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
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ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
Josh Smith
County Administrator

Executive Summary

The State contracted with Rock County Human Services for many years to perform education and training services known as the FoodShare Employment Training (FSET) Program. The goal of the Program was to make the FoodShare recipients job ready and to assist them with finding employment. That arrangement changed with the 2013-15 State Budget that authorized contracted agencies to operate the FSET program. On April 1, 2015 the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board (SWWDB) received the State FSET contract for Region 10, which includes Rock County. Thus, the SWWDB will administer the FSET Program for able bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs), but the responsibility for the administration of their FoodShare benefits and potential related matters remains with the county.

New rules require that all ABAWDs ages 18-49 participate in the FSET Program in order to receive FoodShare benefits. It is estimated there will be approximately 3,300 individuals in the Southern Consortium, of which 2,153 individuals are within Rock County.

The FSET work requirement affects the Income Maintenance workload because Economic Support (ES) workers will spend more time processing and reviewing FoodShare cases to determine who is an ABAWD and whether each ABAWD qualifies for an exemption. The new FSET rules will likely result in SWWDB workers issuing sanctions to ABAWDs due to noncompliance. The ES case workers are responsible for making changes to benefit levels for those who do not meet the work requirements as well as re-enrolling compliant individuals. It is expected that the number of FSET recipients filing appeals will increase. ES workers process all appeals that result in administrative hearings thereby increasing the ES workload, therefore, Rock County HSD requests to create (3.0 FTE) new project Economic Support Specialists with the additional funding.