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**WALKER ANNOUNCES MILWAUKEE COUNTY TO RECEIVE \$13 MILLION  
ACCESS TO RECOVERY GRANT**

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker announced today that Milwaukee County, through the state and federal governments, has been awarded a four-year Access to Recovery (ATR) Grant totaling \$13 million.

“I am pleased to see the cooperative effort between the state and county governments, together with other public-private partnerships and faith based organizations, result in this substantial award,” said Walker. “Supporting these programs is integral to the health and safety of our community.”

The ATR grant is known as the WIsEr (Wisconsin Supports Everyone’s Recovery) Choice project and is implemented by the State Department of Health Services in its Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, in collaboration with Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division, Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services, the Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, and Faith Partnership Network.

In addition to serving the general adult and criminal justice populations in Milwaukee County, particularly vulnerable women and families, this year’s grant makes Veterans and members of the National Guard a priority population to be served.

“I am proud that in addition to serving Milwaukee County residents as a whole, that this year’s grant resources also focuses on our veterans and members of the National Guard who serve and protect our country,” said Walker. “Many needed services will be provided and expanded under this grant.”

The WIsEr Choice program will serve veterans in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee, Racine and Washington counties and people enrolled in Alcohol Court.

Services include Peer-to-Peer services for veterans, and Seeking Safety - a cognitive-behavioral intervention designed to simultaneously address early recovery from symptoms of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. While primarily relating to the needs of returning Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, it will also address the high incidence of co-occurring trauma in the general SUD population, especially in women. Community Reinforcement and Family Training will be added to the recovery support services to assist family members in coping with a substance abusing family member. Supported Employment will be introduced to address the recovery-related disparities of unemployment among African Americans in the populations of focus.

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