

Resolution No. 2026-1

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
STATE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Executive Summary

Individual assistance programs are critical to helping residents and businesses recover after disasters by providing support such as emergency housing, home repairs, and financial aid. Wisconsin currently lacks a State-funded disaster assistance program, leaving many survivors reliant on limited federal resources and creating gaps in recovery. This resolution supports proposed legislation to establish a state disaster relief fund, ensuring faster, more accessible assistance for individuals and businesses impacted by disasters across Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, individual assistance programs for citizens and businesses following a disaster are vital to the well-being and stability of communities, providing crucial support to families and industries during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, these programs, which may include but are not limited to emergency housing assistance, home assistance/repairs, housing, and financial support, are essential for addressing the immediate and long-term needs of residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, no State funding currently exists to help disaster victims in Wisconsin, and they are often left behind after disasters due to less accessible federal aid; and

WHEREAS, several other states have addressed this issue by creating a state fund for disaster relief; and

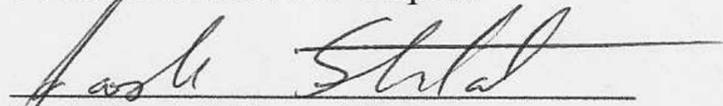
WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has put forth a bill to create a state fund for individuals and businesses to be able to apply for aid following being impacted by an event;

WHEREAS, this Resolution was presented, reviewed, and approved at the Town of Manitowoc Rapids Town Board meeting on January 14, 2026.

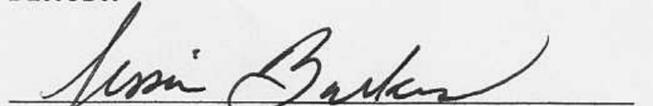
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manitowoc Rapids Town Board is in support of such a bill that would ensure that individuals and businesses throughout the State will have quick and easy access to emergency aid when needed.

Adopted this 14th day of January, 2026.

Town of Manitowoc Rapids


Josh Stradal, Town Chairperson

Attest:


Jessica Backus, Town Clerk/Treasurer