

# Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program (WETAP)

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# What is WETAP?

- Wisconsin Employment Transportation Assistance Program
  - To provide employment transportation to low-income residents to jobs or job-related locations (education, childcare, training, etc.)
  - Statewide
  - Projects operate for one calendar year
  - State and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds are used



# Eligible WETAP Organizations and Projects

- Non-profit organizations in Wisconsin
  - May have for-profit or other partnerships
- Filling gaps in public transit service
  - Vanpool and Carpool service
  - Vehicle repair and/or purchase loans
  - Vouchers (taxi service, human service agency, etc.)
  - Admin, Operating, and Mobility Manager staff positions



# Ineligible WETAP Organizations and Projects

- For Profit Businesses and Local Public Bodies
  - These types of organizations can partner with a non-profit for a project
- Vehicle or capital purchases, gas vouchers, driver's license recovery, and bicycle programs.
- Direct funds from WisDOT to individuals



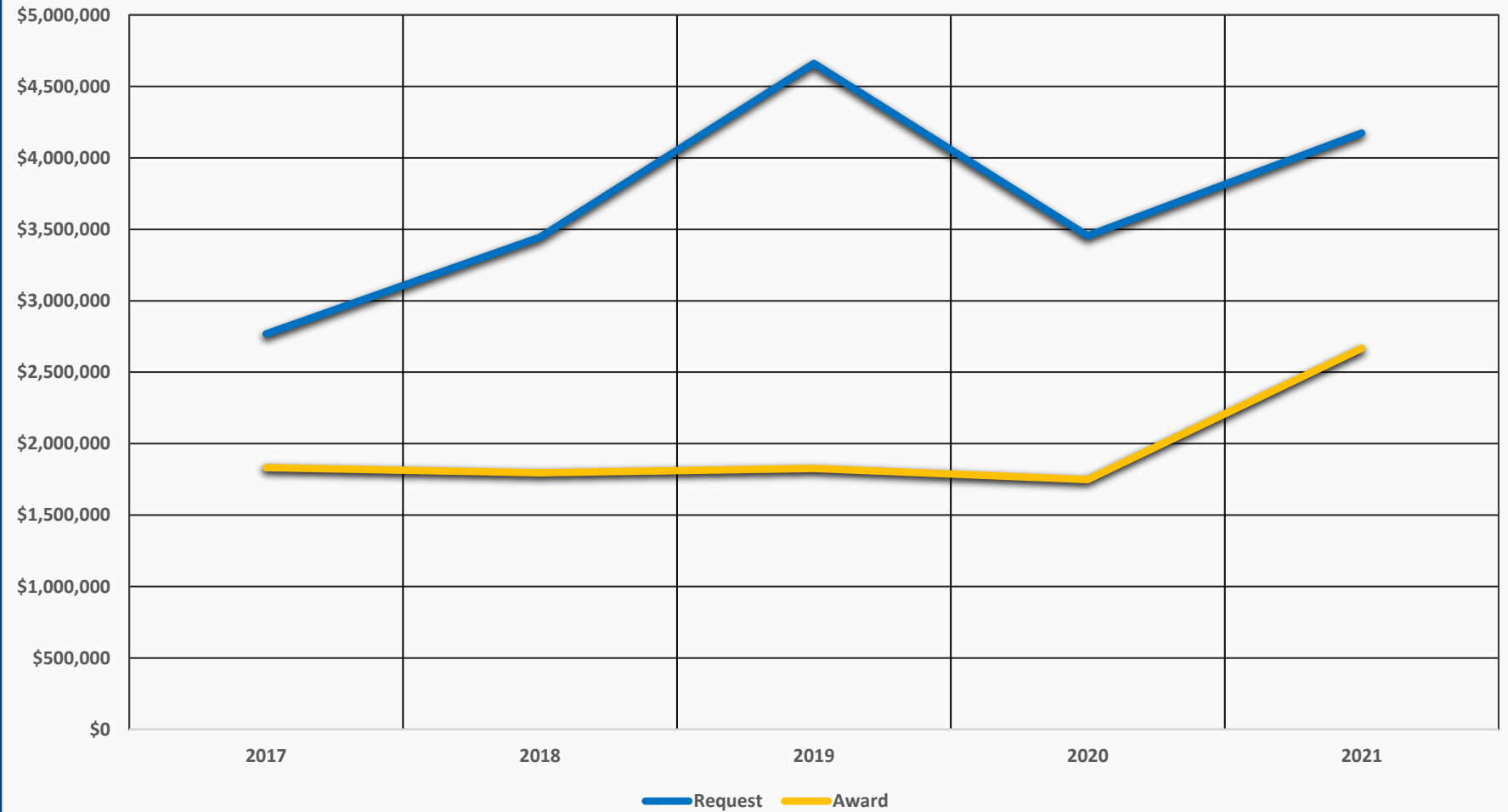
# WETAP Funding Sources

- WisDOT State 85.24
  - Transportation Employment And Mobility (TEAM)
  - ~\$586,600 annually
- DWD State 106.26
  - Employment Transit Assistance (ETA)
  - \$464,800 annually
- FTA Rural Public Transit 5311
  - Part of the Job Access Reverse Commute funds
  - ~\$700,000 annually
- FTA Urban Public Transit 5307
  - Part of the Job Access Reverse Commute funds
  - ~\$200,000 annually



# Funding Gaps in WETAP

WETAP Funding vs Request (2017 to 2021)

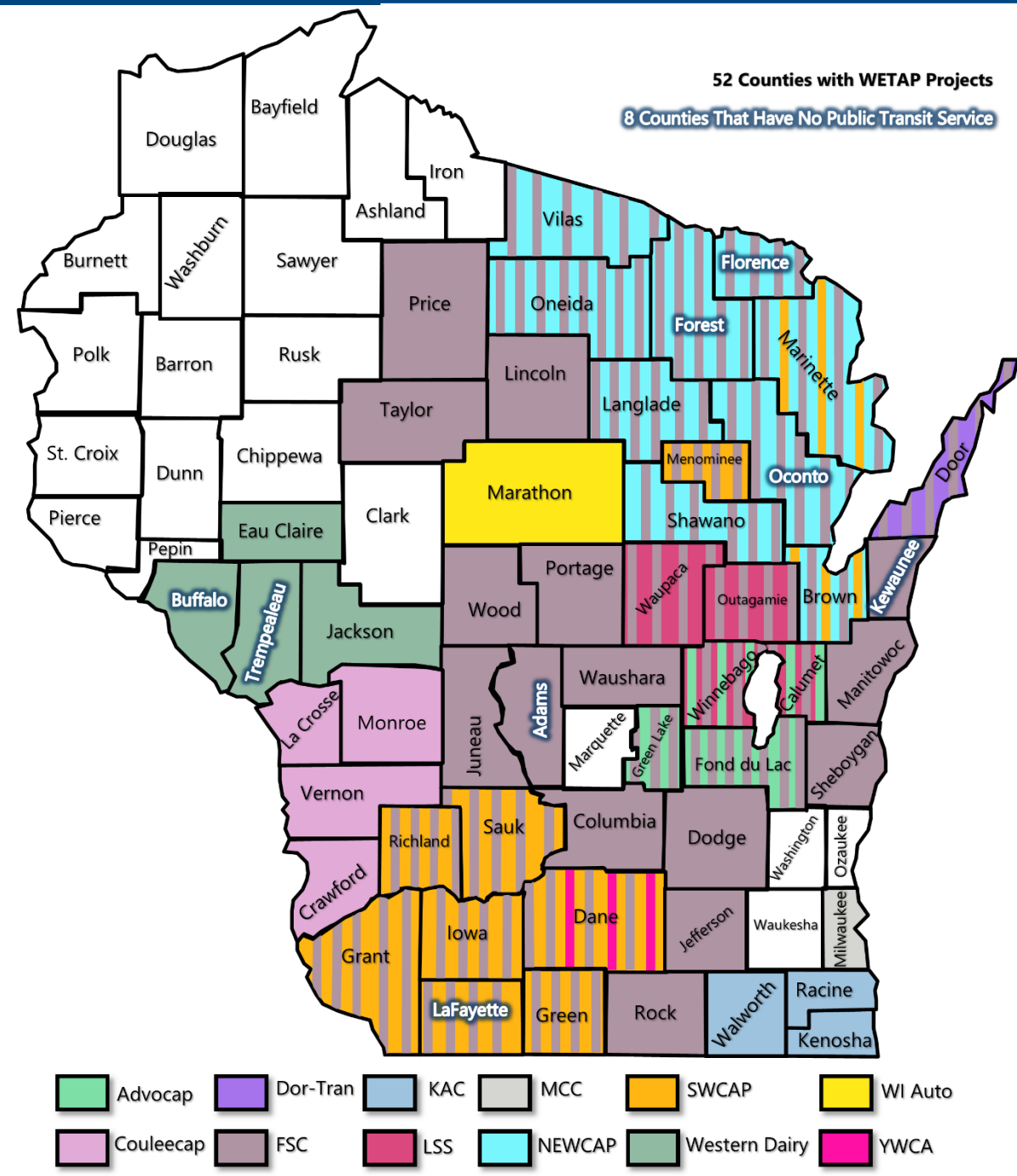


	Request	Award	Gap
2017	\$2,768,039	\$1,831,514	\$936,525
2018	\$3,445,726	\$1,795,223	\$1,650,503
2019	\$4,660,506	\$1,825,665	\$2,834,841
2020	\$3,454,091	\$1,748,581	\$1,705,510
2021	\$4,173,095	\$2,667,804	\$1,505,290



# 2021 Projects and Coverage

- 12 Applicants
- 21 Projects
- 52 Counties
  - Eight counties that have no public transit service



# Application Process

- Projects operate on a calendar year (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Typically, applications open in October-ish and close in November-ish
- Applications done online through our BlackCat Grants Management System
  - Submit contact info to me or Judy to get into system
- Applications are evaluated on a 100 pt scale
  - Must receive at least 65 pts in order to be eligible for funding





# Outcomes

2020 Outcomes	
One-Way Rides – Vanpool	20,627
One-Way Rides – Carpool	23,234
Vehicle Loans (purchase or repair)	381
Avg. Repair Loan	\$1,171
Avg. Purchase Loan	\$3,680
Mobility Manager Referrals	2,296
Employed Participants	1,192
Unemployed Participants	89



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# Questions

