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## Survival Coalition Thanks Governor for Much-Needed \$100 Million Grant Program that Includes Community-Based Long-Term Care

(Madison) – The Survival Coalition of more than 30 disability organizations appreciates the Governor’s recognition of the hardships facing people with disabilities, older adults and their home and community-based provider networks with his announcement today that \$100 million dollars of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds will be directed towards Long-Term Care, Home and Community Based Services, and Emergency Medical Services. This injection of funds for these vital services and providers will help them to remain viable in the face of the extreme financial strain that Covid-19 has put on these organizations.

“While the CARES Act itself did not identify specific funding for home and community-based services, we appreciate the Governor’s recognition at the state level of the toll COVID has placed on community-based disability and aging service providers,” said Beth Swede

n, Survival Coalition Co-Chair.

“Community providers are largely small businesses located throughout the state that provide critical supports to people with disabilities and older adults to stay safe and healthy in their homes and communities, and out of costly facilities,” said Lisa Pugh, Survival Coalition Co-Chair. “These are the workers and providers that ensure that people can get out of bed in the morning, get meals, get to work and be part of their communities.”

Kit Kerschensteiner, Survival Coalition Co-Chair, noted that a recent Survival Coalition survey of more than 500 home and community-based providers found that 72% have incurred additional expenses during the pandemic, while the majority have experienced decreased revenues. “When nearly 1 in 5 providers responding to the survey say they are unsure they will remain viable through the pandemic, we know that will result in serious health and safety impacts for people with disabilities and older adults,” Kerschensteiner said.

For a summary of the Survival Coalition provider survey, go [here](http://www.survivalcoalitionwi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Provider-survey-findings_0520-002.pdf):  
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*Survival Coalition is comprised of more than 30 statewide disability organizations that advocate and support policies and practices that lead to the full inclusion, participation, and contribution of people living with disability.*

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