

## **AODA Information Sheet**

Total AODA expenditures in 2003 decrease from \$13,798,434 to \$13,148,547. The tax levy funding for AODA in 2003 is \$1,532,269. In 1997, the adopted county budget established a policy that the minimum level of AODA funding was to be \$862,791. The tax levy support in the 2003 budget is \$669,478 more than that amount.

The County Executive spoke at a candidate forum in March and mentioned his support for AODA funding at the current level. At the time, the reported shortfall was \$20 million. By the time the County Executive took office, the shortfall grew to \$51 million.

Funding for AODA programs was not targeted for cuts by the County Executive, but was included in budget requests proposed by individual departments and divisions this past summer. The County Executive held seven Interactive Budget Briefings throughout the county and took many of the concerns to heart and restored many of the proposed reductions in services.

As mentioned when meeting with representatives of M.I.C.A.H. during the summer, support for AODA programs continues in this budget, but consideration also was given to restoring funding for homeless shelters, alternatives to incarceration for youthful offenders, the Day Reporting Center, programs for individuals with disabilities and bus routes for workers. Without restoring funding for these programs, many of them would not have funding sources, period.

The County Executive is willing to work with the Milwaukee County Board and interested parties on moving funds around within the total amount of AODA expenditures.