



Wider Opportunities for Women



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**While Public Support Programs Reduce Expenses,  
Wisconsin Low-Income Elders Still Fall Short of Economic Security**

		Income Plus...				
Average Monthly Social Security Income	\$931					
Elder Economic Security Index (Total Monthly Expenses)	\$1,527			FoodShare + Rx Assist. + Medical Assist.	FoodShare + Rx Assist. + Medical Assist. + Energy Assist.*	FoodShare + Rx Assist. + Medical Assist. + Housing Assist.
Monthly Shortfall	-\$596	-\$596	-\$544	-\$448	-\$391	-\$154
<b>% Economic Security Attained</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>86%</b>

Scenario modeled from: Wider Opportunities for Women, *Elders Living on the Edge: When Meeting Basic Needs Exceeds Available Income in Wisconsin* (Washington, DC: Wider Opportunities for Women, 2008).

**The Impact of Supports on Monthly Costs and Economic Security for a Single Elder Renter Living on Average Social Security for Women (\$931/month or \$11,168/year) in Marathon County, Wisconsin, 2008**