

2016 RES- 641
AMENDING THE 2017 OPERATING BUDGET TO ENHANCE
PRE-TRIAL RISK ASSESSMENT SERVICES

In October, 2016, the Dane County Board accepted grant funding from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation in the amount of \$167,556. The purpose of this grant was to fund staffing sufficient to perform pre-trial risk assessments of in-custody criminal defendants at their initial appearances to inform bond determinations for a period of two years.

Subsequent to this award, Dane County, the Arnold Foundation, and Harvard University established a partnership to perform a random control trial of the tool that will evaluate the effectiveness of the risk assessment tool over a two-year period. Implementation of the risk assessment tool, known as the Public Safety Assessment (PSA), is set for March, 2017.

Dane County was fortunate to be able to recruit two individuals with a wealth of experience in pre-trial processes at the federal court level. After a period of months becoming acclimated to the tool, the Clerk of Court, in consultation with the risk assessors and with the Arnold Foundation representatives, has concluded that current staffing levels are insufficient to ensure that the PSA workload can be accomplished as required by the grant.

This resolution creates position authority for an additional full-time project position in the Alternatives to Incarceration Program (ATIP) work unit to perform risk assessments. This position would replace the half-time limited term position already in place.

This resolution funds the new project position for 2017 from two sources: first, by using personnel savings realized when the Clerk of Courts' Guardianship Administrator was reclassified to a Paralegal; and second, by using unexpended LTE funding already allocated to ATIP.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that position authority in the Clerk of Courts Office/Alternatives to Incarceration Unit be increased by 1.0 FTE Pre-Trial Services Analyst (G10) project position. The position is contingent upon continued funding beyond 2017;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the following reallocation be made to the 2017 operating budget in the Clerk of Courts Office:

Increase:		Decrease:	
ATIP10009	23,900	ATIP10072	23,800
ATIP10099	1,900	ATIP10108	2,400
ATIP10108	1,800	COCCOM10009	11,000
ATIP10117	10,700	COCCOM10099	1,000
ATIP10153	800	COCCOM10108	900
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