

2026 RES-041

ESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR THE DANE COUNTY OFFICE OF JUSTICE REFORM

The Dane County Office of Justice Reform is responsible for coordinating the Dane County Community Court. The Dane County Community Court was launched in 2026 to address the underlying causes of low-level and non-violent offenses through a problem-solving, treatment-oriented, and accountability-based approach.

Upon years of research, Dane County has learned that national best practices in Community Courts demonstrate that modest participant incentives can improve engagement, encourage compliance with court requirements, support successful completion of program goals, and reinforce positive behavioral change.

The Office of Justice Reform is requesting a petty cash checking account to purchase gift cards for community court participants that have demonstrated ongoing commitment and positive change. The Office of Justice Reform is requesting \$2000 in petty cash to be used throughout the year and tracked within the case management system of the Community Court, as well as complying with all Dane County purchasing requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT a petty cash checking account be established in the amount of \$2 000.00 for the Dane County Office of Justice Reform to provide for gift card incentives.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors authorizes the creation of a petty cash checking account for the Dane County Office of Justice Reform in the amount of \$2,000, and reduce the outreach line 21831, in the same amount.