



**DANE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
2023 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

<b>Amendment #</b> PWT-O-2	
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Supervisors Castillo, Ripp, Erickson
<b>Oversight Committee Action:</b>	Public Works and Transportation
<b>Personnel &amp; Finance Action:</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	Zoo
<b>Program:</b>	Zoo

**Motion:**  
**(revenue/expenditure/text effect)**

Increase expenditures by \$10,000 to increase funding for Conference and Training at the Henry Vilas Zoo.

<b>FTE Effect:</b>	-		
<b>Line Item Detail:</b>			
<b>Org</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ZOO	20648	CONFERENCE AND TRAINING	\$10,000

**Intent/Justification**

The number of staff at the Henry Vilas Zoo has grown in recent years. Now that the pandemic has subsided, it is important to be sure resources are available so that staff can receive training to be most effective in their roles.

**NET GPR EFFECT:**                     \$10,000

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<b>Amendment #</b> PWT-O-3	
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Supervisor Miles
<b>Oversight Committee Action:</b>	Public Works and Transportation Public Protection and Judiciary
<b>Personnel &amp; Finance Action:</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	Sheriff
<b>Program:</b>	Capital Budget

**Motion:**

**(revenue/expenditure/text effect)**

Neither expenditures nor revenues be changed, and the following provision be included in 2022 RES-208 Dane County Operating Budget Appropriations Resolution:

“Cease work on Mead & Hunt change order #13 and prepare a change order #14 with Mead & Hunt to design a 5-story tower, with a mezzanine on the fifth floor, that to the extent possible, accomplishes the following goals and objectives, in order of priority:

- 1) Replace outdated cell blocks in the City-County Building, improving safe conditions for all residents, staff, visitors, and volunteers
- 2) Eliminate or greatly reduce solitary confinement
- 3) Reduce total number of beds
- 4) Increase medical and mental health space
- 5) Maximize in-person visitation
- 6) Maximize programming space
- 7) Consolidate jail facilities, including permanent closure of the Ferris Center

**Program Effect:**

Completing a redesign of the tower will result in right-sizing the Jail Consolidation Project to account for continuing fiscal pressures and a growing recognition that implemented and emerging justice diversion programs will have a net cumulative effect mitigating the jail population growth.”

**Intent/Justification**

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**NET GPR EFFECT:**

\$0

## **Intent/Justification :**

Right-sizing the jail project recognizes that diversions and reforms in the criminal justice system will have a sustainable reduction in the jail population. Re-evaluating the project also highlights the need for continued long-term coordination and investment to eliminate racial disparities in the jail population and ground all policies and practices in pursuit of equity. Efforts already underway include the following initiatives:  
Implementation of the CARES mobile response team in the City of Madison and additional resource investments for County-wide mental health response;  
\$600,000 four-year grant funding to establish a Community Court and Community Justice Center (2023 budget proposal includes Office of Criminal Justice Reform Director and a Community Court Coordinator);  
Establishing a short-term Crisis Triage Center for acute mental health stabilization needs;  
Implementing a pilot to increase the use of electronic monitoring in the Jail Diversion Program;  
Development of a Jail Population Review Team; and  
Development of the Pretrial Services Department.

The new Justice Innovation Fund proposed in the 2023 operating budget will be an ongoing source of investment to launch new programs relying on community input and evidence-based approaches to reduce incarceration. Establish a task force to prioritize uses of the Justice Innovation Fund (\$500,000 proposed in the 2023 operating budget) to investigate the feasibility of the following items;  
Establishing an initial appearance weekend court;  
Provide additional supports for Public Defenders to represent Dane County residents, and;  
Review proposed reforms in 2022 Res - 136 and previous JFA Institute reports for implementation.

Ample opportunity exists to further reduce the jail population through efforts including:  
Eliminating non-Dane County residents from the intergovernmental agreement with the U.S. Marshall Service for federal residents-in-transit and increasing the daily rate to reflect actual costs;  
Reducing arrests for individuals with outstanding warrants for non-violent offenses;  
Implementing non-jail housing alternatives for individuals in Jail Diversion (proposed as a budget amendment for 2023)  
Continuing to reduce the average length of stay through improving system processes especially related to Probation and Parole holds implemented by the Department of Corrections, and;  
Further reducing use of cash bail.

The County Board is committed to working in collaboration with DCSO, Human Services staff, community partners, individuals with lived experience, the judicial branch, DCSO, and other law enforcement jurisdictions in Dane County dedicated to addressing and eliminating the root causes of incarceration, including through expansion of housing programs, treatment options, and supportive services. Increasing regular public data reporting from the above partners will support evidence-based decision-making to permanently reduce the jail population.

To further evaluate long-term jail needs resulting from ongoing system investments, a study in 2025 or 2026 is recommended to evaluate long-term impacts of diversion and alternative programs and identify unmet needs for both housing and programming space across justice-related facilities, including the planned jail, Juvenile Detention, Crisis Triage Center, and Community Justice Center.