

2016 RES-318

CREATING A NEW POSITION IN THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE FOR A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LAURA AND JOHN ARNOLD FOUNDATION AND REALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THE 2016 BUDGET.

The Dane County Criminal Justice Council (CJC) has partnered with the Laura and John Arnold Foundation to improve criminal justice outcomes in the pretrial phase. The Public Safety Assessment (PSA) will be used at initial court appearance to assist in determination of risk of flight, and risk of new criminal activity. The PSA is a nationally validated, race neutral instrument that is currently being used in over 29 jurisdictions. The PSA was created using a database of over 1.5 million cases drawn from more than 300 U.S. jurisdictions. Dane County is also partnering with researchers from Harvard University to study the outcomes of risk assessment tool use in Dane County. Dane County is the only county in the United States to partner with both the LJAF and Harvard University to inform better criminal justice decision making.

This unique partnership will lead to more informed criminal justice decisions at the pretrial stage, a greater understanding of outcome data, and overall criminal justice system improvements. The LJAF has committed \$167,556 to acquire one project position assessor (1.0 FTE) and a half time limited term employee (.5 LTE) beginning in 2017.

Position authority is critical for the Clerk of Courts to move forward in the recruitment and hiring process for the assessor(s) positions in order to comply with the LJAF timeline. The PSA assessor(s) need to complete extensive training by national experts, as well as security clearances, in December 2016 in order to proceed with the PSA project.

The Dane County Criminal Justice Council has transferred funds to the Clerk of Courts for the assessor(s) roles in 2016. The Laura and John Arnold Foundation will be providing funding for the position starting in January 1, 2017 for 21 months. After that time period, Dane County will have the information necessary to determine if use of the tool will be an ongoing practice within the Clerk of Courts. The 2017 expenditures and revenues will be included in the 2017 budget via County Board Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a 1.0 FTE Pretrial Services Analyst (G10) is created effective immediately in the Clerk of Courts Office, ATIP Program, contingent upon funding from grant revenue, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the following reallocation is made to the 2016 operating budget in the Clerk of Courts, Office, ATIP Program:

Decrease expenditure accounts:

Limited Term Employees (ATIP 10072) \$6,700

Increase expenditure accounts:

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49	Salaries (ATIP 10009)	\$4,300
50	Retirement (ATIP 10099)	400
51	Social Security (ATIP 10108)	400
52	Health (ATIP 10117)	1,600
53	Dental (ATIP 10153)	200
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