

**DANE COUNTY
POLICY AND FISCAL NOTE**

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Sponsor: Supervisor Ratcliff; Co-Supervisor McGinnity		Resolution No. 2022 RES-226
Vote Required: Majority _____ Two-Thirds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ordinance Amendment No. _____

Title of Resolution or Ord. Amd.:

AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR RELOCATED JAIL RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE FOR VISITATION AND OTHER COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILY WHILE HOUSED IN JAILS OUTSIDE OF DANE COUNTY

Policy Analysis Statement:

Brief Description of Proposal -

Request funding authorization of \$7,800, for relocated jail residents, to provide for visitation and other communication with family and support individuals for residents housed in jails outside of Dane County.

Current Policy or Practice -

Residents of the Dane County Jail are afforded opportunities to visit with family and loved ones in-person with up to two scheduled forty-five (45) minute visits per week without any cost to the resident or the person visiting them. When housed out of Dane County, the opportunity for family, friends, and loved ones to visit residents who are in-custody becomes logistically difficult and in some cases cost prohibitive. Therefore, the only alternative to maintain communication with family, friends, and loved ones is to use video visitation, telephone communications, or tablet texting services, all of which charge a fee for service.

Impact of Adopting Proposal -

Visitation allows jail residents to maintain social ties which is linked to better mental health outcomes and reduced depressive symptoms, and is a significant intervention for the isolated experience of incarceration. Some incarcerated individuals are never or infrequently visited due to various barriers. Traveling distance is a prominent barrier for overall visit frequency. Visitation funding for Dane County relocated residents is required so that relocated residents may continue to have contact with family, loved ones, clergy and mentors. Studies illustrate a reduction in the likelihood of repeated incarceration for those who are able to maintain contact with family, friends and loved ones while in jail, and that residents with

Fiscal Estimate:

<u>Fiscal Effect (check all that apply) -</u>		<u>Budget Effect (check all that apply)</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Fiscal Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> No Budget Effect	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Rev. Budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Revenue Decrease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increases Exp. Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Rev. Budget
<input type="checkbox"/> Results in Expenditure Decrease		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decreases Exp. Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Increases Position Authority
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decreases Position Authority	
		Note: if any budget effect, 2/3 vote is required	

Narrative/Assumptions about long range fiscal effect:

N/A

Expenditure/Revenue Changes:

	Current Year		Annualized			Current Year		Annualized	
	Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease		Increase	Decrease	Increase	Decrease
Expenditures -					Revenues -				
Personal Services					County Taxes				
Operating Expenses	\$7,800				Federal				
Contractual Services					State				
Capital					Other				
Total	\$7,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Personnel Impact/FTE Changes:

N/A

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