



DANE COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL (CJC)

CONTINUING THE WORK TO CO-CREATE A COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER INITIATIVE

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COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER WITH COMMUNITY COURT

- Community Justice Center Initiative
 - Pre-engagement with seven Dane County BIPOC advocacy organizations
 - Retained Center for Court Innovation for a needs assessment Fall 2021
 - Report:
 - <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/documents/CCI-Final-Report-DaneCounty-9.10.21-.pdf>

BJA COMMUNITY COURTS INITIATIVE GRANT

- Competitive grant
- Through this opportunity, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to support efforts by state, local, and federally recognized American Indian tribal governments to establish and enhance community courts in their jurisdictions. Community courts are neighborhood-focused court programs that combine the power of the community and the justice system to address local problems. They connect persons committing less serious crimes — often misdemeanor cases — to judicially supervised substance use disorder treatment, alternative sanctions, and other community-based services.



Dane County, Wisconsin has worked over the last decade to decrease the disproportionate number of Black residents in criminal justice. Beginning in 2008 with the Task Force on Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System, the county has encouraged partnerships between stakeholders, community advocates, and staff. However, the vast disproportionality of Blacks and whites in criminal justice persists.

The current disparity gap in arrest is 11:1, double the national rate.

This grant would allow Dane County to implement a community court. Partnering effectively with community and service providers will address root causes of inequity, thereby improving the quality of life. The community court initiative will be co-located with other service providers in an area identified in the planning process, using demographic and offense data. Staffing will include Court personnel and a community court coordinator; the individual staff in these roles has not been determined.

NEXT STEPS

GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Four jurisdictions will receive the Planning and Implementation award

600K over 48 months

PLANNING AND PARTNERING

Centering the community in the Planning and Implementation phase

Trainings

CJC-Racial Disparities subcommittee hosts

County, City and Community engagement

IMPLEMENTATION

Start small and build

Actionable Data

Analyze initial pilot results/qual and quan

Continued engagement and partnerships