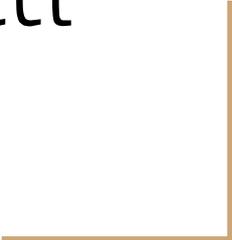




Madison Homelessness Restorative  
Justice Project



# Partnerships

## **HRJ Collaborators**

*Sankofa Behavioral and Community Health*

*Madison Mutual Aid Network*

*YWCA (Restorative Justice)*

*Community Justice Inc. (Madison Municipal Defense Project)*

## **Key Partnerships**

**Municipal Court Staff (Judge Koval, etc)**

**City Attorney's Office**

**District Attorney's Office**

# Criteria of HRJ

- Must have unpaid municipal tickets related to being homeless
- Currently homeless OR
- Have been homeless and have recently gained access to transitional housing or permanent housing.
- Must be ready to get support for improving their situation.



# Goals of HRJ

1. For homeless people to have forfeitures from municipal tickets reduced or eliminated through a restorative process as a way to eliminate barriers to future success.
2. For homeless or recently homeless people to identify and achieve goals they decide to pursue such as securing housing, sobriety, source of income, family connections or other goals for improving their life situation.
3. For all involved to develop policy, culture and enforcement recommendations to shift away from the criminalization of homelessness.

- Disorderly Conduct
- Retail Theft
- Theft
- Trespass
- Damage to Property
- Possession of MJ or Paraphernalia
- Resist/Obstruct Officer
- Depositing Human Waste
- Open Intoxicant
- Traffic Citations
- Parking tickets

Examples of common citations considered paid in full as part of the program

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# Successes/Stats

Total number of participants completed program since start of program in 2017: 43

Total number of participants who started but did not complete program: 32

Total cases currently pending/open: 9

Total number of participants since start: 84 (51% of total participants completed program)

Amount of forfeitures considered paid in full since start of program: \$141,341.25

Amount of forfeitures considered paid in full in 2021 (through May): \$59,181.12

# Hopes for the future/next steps/plans

## **Direct referrals rather than tickets**

We have been working on a policy and practice that UYPD and others could use to directly refer homeless people to our project rather than giving a ticket.

## **Expand Partnerships with Courts**

We would like to someday include more courts in our program.

## **More Community Allies**

On the organizing-level, growing partnerships to advocate for decriminalizing homelessness and reducing racial disparities. This includes pushing for more affordable housing, and other systematic ways to end homelessness.

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