

Proposal to Conduct Analysis of the Projected Dane County Jail Population and
the Proposed Jail Consolidation Plan

JFA will conduct a detailed analysis of the major drivers of the Dane County jail population to determine how best to stabilize the jail population and minimize incarceration. It will also conduct a detailed study of the current jail population to determine the classification, housing and programmatic needs of the current and projected jail population. The analysis can then be used to inform the Jail Consolidation Plan that is now being developed so that the new jail will meet the capacity and design needs of the projected jail population.

The study will take place over the course of 12 months, is an expansion of the Jail Stress Test completed by JFA Institute in 2019 for the Dane County Criminal Justice Council. It will include analysis and recommendations on the following:

1. Classification review with a focus the security, medical and mental health attributes of the current and projected average daily jail population;
2. Analysis of current jail population trends;
3. Analysis of the past 12 months of jail releases to determine, current length of stay by the major methods of release;
4. Identify the major drivers of the current and projected jail population with a focus on identifying those criminal justice system policies that could be implemented to stabilize the current jail population such as reduction in sentence lengths, expedition of criminal case processing, reductions in the number and length of probation and parole holds;
5. Legal research to assess the Sheriff's authority to release individuals;
6. Provide training for the newly hired jail population manager. 2020; and,
7. Within the first 90 days of the contract, complete of a review of the 60% completed architectural drawings of the consolidated facility with recommendations for potential cost savings.

The proposed budget for this study is \$55,000. JFA will conduct two on-site visits for the purposes of completing the tasks listed above and making presentations of its findings to Dane County criminal justice and County officials.

A summary report that includes the major findings and recommendations will also be provided by JFA at the conclusion of the study.