
Dane County Office of Justice Reform

2025 Budget presentation to the Public
Protection and Judiciary Committee

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Mission of OJR

“The Mission of the Office of Justice Reform is to marshal and coordinate resources both within and outside the county criminal justice system to reduce incarceration and racial disparities in the criminal justice system.”



Decision items 2025

Each decision item is dedicated to effectively piloting the Dane County Community Court.

The Community Court will center procedural fairness, racial equity, community supports, and holistic supports to address root cause. An evidence based risk/needs assessment will be used.



Decision items for OJR

1. **Data Enhanced Pilot Community Court:** Community Court Case Management Software–Initializing the Community Court with effective software to assist in case management, data accuracy, and court reporting requirements to local and federal officials and community members. **\$7500**
2. **Peer Learning from the Experts:** Reallocation of membership fees to conference and training expense due to emerging community court of Dane County onboarding and peer site court events and conferences.



Thank you!

I am happy to meet and discuss the future of the Office of Justice Reform.

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