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TRANSFERRING CRIMINAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE FUNDS FROM MISCELLANEOUS CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNDS TO THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE REFORM AND EQUITY

- 4 In 2023, Dane County approved a new Office of Criminal Justice Reform and Equity (OJR). As
- 5 articulated in the budget, the mission of the Office of Criminal Justice Reform is to marshal and
- 6 coordinate resources both within and outside the county criminal justice system to reduce
- 7 incarceration and racial disparities in the criminal justice system. The Director position will be
- 8 filled in 2024, and subsequent critical staff hires will then be completed.
- 9 Since 2011, the Dane County Community Justice Council, formerly the Criminal Justice Council
- 10 (CJC) has worked to increase equity, transparency, and data driven decisions within the
- criminal justice system with collaborative multi-agency input. The criminal justice initiative funds
- were used for key reforms and reports, as well as ongoing work to improve pretrial processes.
- 13 Transfer of funds will allow for critical OJR departmental and Community Justice Council
- development of policies and programs as the new department begins to further work on current
- reform initiatives, as well as explore innovative justice strategies. The miscellaneous criminal
- justice initiative lines, including stress test, community justice center needs assessment, and
- 17 gifted funds for pretrial reforms from Arnold Ventures, will be used to continue this critical work.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that accounts MCJLAWCL 21975 "Pretrial Services
- 19 Initiative" be decreased by \$18,359, MCJLAWCL 30625 "Community Just Ctr Needs Assess" be
- decreased by \$13,947.01, and MCJLAWCL 30740 "Criminal Justice Stress Test" be decreased
- 21 by \$14,796.92, and OJR 20549 "CJ INITIATIVES" be increased by \$47,102.93.