



Budget Change Request

Change request information

Title Substance Monitoring Program
Number B-07-17 Department 07 - District Court
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Change Type Policy Change

Board outcome *(to be entered by budget after Board action)*

Board Decision
Board Changes

Funds affected

Fund 0010 - General Fund
General Fund Affected? Yes More Than One Fund Affected? Yes

Policy request priority and connection to the strategic plan

Priority # 0 Strategic Plan Responsive Law,

Does this request include federal, state, or private grants?

Grant Funded?
Grantor and timeframe

Does this request affect current positions or propose new positions?

HR Payroll e-mailed? No Position Impact
Current position numbers affected

What do you need and why? Include any unexpected and external requirements.

Statement of Need

District Court requests funding to support the use of technology in lieu of incarceration to ensure compliance, enhance public safety, and limit barriers to our community members involved in the justice system. This would be accomplished through the provision of transdermal blood alcohol monitoring devices (BAMD) and random urinalysis (UA) testing to those ordered to conditions on release from the Court. This opportunity provides an active and proactive approach to case condition monitoring, increasing the compliance rates of defendants while decreasing the rates of incarceration, costs to the court and county departments, and barriers to successful compliance of those involved in court matters.

How will this change the performance of your office or department?

Statement of Need

This program was approved by the Board of County Commissioners for the 2022-2023 biennium, supported by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Since implementation of this program, we have continued to see positive results. The Court, Thurston County Public Defense and Prosecutor's Office, and those justice involved have shared support for this program since inclusion. In the last year, we have had an opportunity to support over 375 justice involved persons, saving these individuals \$500,000 in financial obligations, and reducing jail populations and appearances on court dockets due to failure to comply with court orders. Programs such as this have outward facing impacts, such as reduction to time and cost for corrections staff, law enforcement, public defense, prosecutor, and administrative staff time, while creating a safe alternative to incarceration.

Expenditure, FTE and revenue assumptions plus current budget level

Assumptions

When approved by the Board of County Commissioners for the 2022-2023 biennium, projections were provided supporting the funding request. Ongoing data analysis has been conducted since implementation of the program. This data has been consistent with original projections, supporting the ongoing need for these monitoring services. The previously allocated amount of \$500,000 was expended in 15 months; this amount would have been expended earlier, but due to the slow rollout of the program, services did not reach average trends until December 2022. Based on projections, as well as real-time data provided throughout the length of the program, it's estimated that the program will expend \$500,000 per year. The request is to include 10% additional funding for possible overage.

Current Budget Level

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding granted January 1, 2022 with end-effective date of: December 31, 2023 - \$500,000

What happens if this isn't funded? Are there other options?

Impacts and Alternatives

Without the provision of BAMD and randomized UAs, these options will continue to place a financial burden on indigent defendants. This will result in incarceration to address community safety as least restrictive measures are unavailable due to lack of funding, resulting in continued court operational costs to address violations, continued jail costs due to arrests for failure to comply, and financial burdens on the defendant. This would also undermine the integrity of the court and steadily increase both court and probation caseloads due to non-compliance issues.

How does this request affect other offices and departments?

Impact to Other Departments

Which Other Departments are Affected?

Operating Transfer Needed? No

Operating Transfer Coding and Amount

Personnel Information

FTE	Number	Name	Start Date	End Date
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Operating Revenue Line Items

Org Code	Object Code	Object Description	Project Code	2024	2025
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Capital Revenue Line Items

Org Code	Object Code	Object Description	Project Code	2024	2025
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Operating Expenditure Line Items

Org Code	Object Code	Object Description	Project Code	2024	2025
0107A750	541000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		550,000	550,000.00
			Total:	550,000.00	550,000.00

Capital Expenditure Line Items

Org Code	Object Code	Object Description	Project Code	2024	2025
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