

2 **RESOLUTION: Authorize the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office to**
3 **accept a Department of Justice Grant in the amount of \$339,563**
4 **and approve the transfer of \$335,562 into various accounts as**
5 **described in the attached Budget Transfer Form**

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7 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

8 **WHEREAS**, the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office applied for a grant from the
9 Department of Justice to develop and produce analytic and visualization tools to improve its ability to
10 address crime and victimization in Winnebago County; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2021, the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office was notified
12 that it was awarded a grant in the amount of \$339,563 effective October 1, 2021 through September 30,
13 2023. The grant was titled "Prosecuting Smartly and Fairly Using Data We Can Act on and Share With
14 Our Community"; and

15 **WHEREAS**, this grant will allow the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office to access its
16 own data in an understandable format and in real time. This grant will enhance transparency, fairness
17 and justice in Winnebago County through data informed prosecution and community engagement; and

18 **WHEREAS**, this grant will support the creation of sustainable data infrastructure and improved in-
19 house research capacity.

20 **WHEREAS**, \$4,001 in indirect costs were awarded with this grant, but are not being utilized at
21 this time.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it
23 hereby authorizes the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office to accept a Department of Justice
24 grant in the amount of \$339,563 for analytic and visualization tools to improve its ability to address crime
25 and victimization in Winnebago County and approves the transfer of \$335,562 into the various accounts
26 as described in the attached Budget Transfer Form.

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28 **Fiscal Impact:** A budget transfer of \$335,562 into the various accounts as described in the attached
29 Budget Transfer Form is needed, but the net budget impact is neutral.

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31 Respectfully submitted by:

32 **Committee Vote: 5 – 0**

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

33 **Committee Vote: 4 – 0 (1 abstained)**

JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

34 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

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37 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this ____ day of _____
38 _____, 2022

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42 Jonathan D. Doemel
Winnebago County Executive

BUDGET TRANSFER
District Attorney's Office

January 2022

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| | Date <u>12-1-21</u> | | Date <u>12/7/21</u> |
| Department Requesting - Signature | | Approval - County Executive | |
| | <u>12/13/2021</u> | | <u>1-6-22</u> |
| Committee of Jurisdiction - Signature | | Approval - Personnel & Finance | |
| Committee Vote: | | Committee Vote: | <u>5-0</u> |
| | <u>12-7-21</u> | N/A | N/A |
| Reviewed by Finance Dept.: | | Approved - Information Systems Committee | |
| N/A | <u>N/A</u> | Committee Vote: | <u>N/A</u> |
| Approved - Facilities & Prop Mgmt Committee | | Total Amount of Budget Transfer..... | \$ 335,532 |
| Committee Vote: | <u>N/A</u> | | |

ACCOUNT NUMBER

| Org | Object | Project | Line Description | I=Incr D=Decr | Amount (Whole doll. ra only) |
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| 1101 | 42018 | TBD | Department of Justice Grant | I | 335,532 |
| 1101 | 52002 | TBD | Automobile Allowance | I | 206 |
| 1101 | 52004 | TBD | Commercial Travel | I | 3,600 |
| 1101 | 52005 | TBD | Meals | I | 1,140 |
| 1101 | 52006 | TBD | Lodging | I | 3,144 |
| 1101 | 52007 | TBD | Other Travel | I | 450 |
| 1101 | 53580 | TBD | Small Equipment Technology | I | 5,000 |
| 1101 | 53000 | TBD | Office Supplies | I | 7,800 |
| 1101 | 55030 | TBD | Other Contracted Services | I | 314,222 |
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Description (Must be completed - Attach extra pages if needed):

The Winnebago Co. DA's Office has been awarded a 2 year grant (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2023) from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$339,563.00. New York University will work with the District Attorney's Office to will develop and produce analysis and visualization tools (Internal and public-facing) for Winnebago DA to improve its ability to address crime and victimization in the County, promoting public safety, fairness and transparency.

ENTRY NUMBER

Agenda Item Report



Winnebago County
The Wave of the Future

DATE: January 18, 2022
TO: Winnebago County Board
FROM: District Attorney
RE: Acceptance and Budget Transfer of Prosecuting Smartly and Fairly Using Data We Can Act on and Share With Our Community grant

Background:

The District Attorney's Office has applied for a new grant from the Department of Justice on April 26, 2021. The purpose of this grant would be to work with New York University to develop and produce analysis and visualization tools (internal and public-facing) for the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office to improve its ability to address crime and victimization within Winnebago County, promoting public safety, fairness and transparency.

On December 2, 2021, the District Attorney's Office was notified that they were awarded a grant from the Department of Justice, titled "Prosecuting Smartly and Fairly Using Data We Can Act on and Share With Our Community". The grant that has been awarded is in the amount of \$339,563.00 for a total of two years to run from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

Policy Discussion:

The District Attorney's Office of Winnebago County, Wisconsin, in close collaboration with New York University, to support a project titled *Prosecuting Smartly and Fairly Using Data We Can Act on and Share With Our Community*. This application to BJA is to help us address a critical challenge in our office: access to our own data, in a format we can make sense of and use, in real time. The project will enhance transparency, fairness, and justice in Winnebago Co. through data-informed prosecution and community engagement.

Without access to real-time data, we will never be able to serve our community as well as we should, both in addressing serious crime and in avoiding unnecessary justice-system processing and incarceration. And, very importantly, without timely access to data, we will never be able to reliably see and address disparities as they happen and will instead have to be content making excuses and apologizing for them in the future.

This project will support the creation of sustainable data infrastructure and improved in-house research capacity, enhancing our ability to engage with data to better understand our processes and improve them. Project activities include: (1) needs assessment, (2) creation of customized software to automate analysis and visualization of the data that are maintained in our statewide databases, (3) creation of a public-facing website that hosts data tools to inform the public and to hold us accountable for our performance in meeting the goals of our office, (4) community engagement in two Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZs) in the City of Oshkosh, which are high-poverty and impacted with disproportionate crime rates. In

establishing ourselves as an office that uses data to inform our operations and measure performance, members of our community should have a voice in deciding what counts. Community members will offer their perspectives on what success looks like for a prosecutor office and on what should be counted. Their input and feedback will also be solicited on public-facing data tools that aim to keep our community informed.

By the end of the project, we will have substantially increased the use of data in our office. Our county will benefit beyond the project period and, as we draw on statewide systems, the benefits will extend beyond our county; data- and caseflow-management tools developed under this award will be available to prosecutor offices throughout Wisconsin.

Requested Action:

Motion to approve acceptance of the funds from the US Department of Justice and budget transfer for the expenditure of the funds in 2022.

Committee Action:

Personnel and Finance committee, 5-0

Judiciary & Public Safety, 4-0 (1 abstained)

Attachments:

- Budget Transfer