

ENROLLED ORDINANCE 175-54

MODIFY THE 2020 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET TO ACCEPT GRANT  
AND DONATION REVENUE TO PURCHASE A COURTHOUSE FACILITY DOG

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program has developed a program and policies for a facility dog to provide emotional support and comfort to crime victims; and

WHEREAS, courthouse facility dogs have been proven to help crime victims, particularly children, navigate the stress of participating in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, The Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (APA), a national association dedicated to supporting and enhancing prosecutors in their efforts to create safer communities, supports the use of facility dogs as a model practice for providing quiet companionship to vulnerable individuals during the investigation and prosecution of crimes and other stressful legal proceedings, and such dogs are operating in at least 38 states and other countries; and

WHEREAS, Journey Together Service Dog, Inc., an International Association of Assistance Dog Partners accredited service dog training organization has committed to providing a fully trained and graduated, 2 ½ year old labrador that will have passed its public access test and earned its Canine Good Citizen and Canine Good Citizen Advanced (Community Canine) designations from an American Kennel Club certified evaluator, and will provide a minimum of 24 hours of training to Victim Assistance staff; and

WHEREAS, Journey Together Service Dog, Inc., will charge \$7,000 for the purchase of the dog and accompanying training; and

WHEREAS, there will be additional costs for food, equipment, care, and supplies; and

WHEREAS, a Children's Justice Act grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice in the amount of \$4,000 has been awarded to Waukesha District Attorney's Office for food, equipment, care and supplies for the dog; and

WHEREAS, the Waukesha Police Chief's Association has committed a \$1,000 donation toward the purchase of the facility dog; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Justice has approved the District Attorney's request to re-prioritize \$6,000 of existing Victim Assistance awarded VOCA grant funding for 2020-2021 toward the purchase and care of the dog; and

WHEREAS, the dog purchase of \$7,000 will be classified as a fixed asset because the cost exceeds \$5,000 with a multi-year useful life; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office will need to transfer \$6,000 of existing VOCA-funded budget authority from operating expenses to fixed assets to help pay for the facility dog, with the additional \$1,000 of fixed assets funded with the donation revenue; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$4,000 of grant funding will be budgeted for operating expenses to care for the dog.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF WAUKESHA ORDAINS that the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office be authorized to accept the Children's Justice Act grant and accept the Waukesha Police Chief's Association donation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office budget be modified by increasing general government revenues by \$4,000, other revenues by \$1,000, operating expenses by \$4,000, and fixed assets by \$1,000 for the purpose of purchasing and caring for a courthouse facility dog.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office 2020 budget be modified by transferring \$6,000 of operating expenditure authority to fixed assets for the purpose of purchasing a courthouse facility dog.

BE IF FURTHER ORDAINED THAT a two-year pilot program for the courthouse facility dog be established with renewal dependent upon the ability to raise non-levy funding for ongoing dog expenses and adherence to county policies.

MODIFY THE 2020 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET TO ACCEPT GRANT AND DONATION REVENUE TO PURCHASE A COURTHOUSE FACILITY DOG

Approved By:  
Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee

Approved By:  
Finance Committee

Absent  
Peter M. Wolff, Chair

James A. Heinrich  
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Tyler J. Foti

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The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, was presented to the County Executive on:

Date: 11/30/2020, Margaret Wartman  
Margaret Wartman, County Clerk

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X  
Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11/30/2020, Paul Farrow  
Paul Farrow, County Executive

FISCAL NOTE

ACCEPT GRANT AND DONATION REVENUE AND MODIFY THE 2020 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUDGET TO PURCHASE A COURTHOUSE FACILITY DOG

This ordinance authorizes the District Attorney's Office to accept a \$4,000 Children's Justice Act grant from the Wisconsin Department of Justice and a \$1,000 donation from the Waukesha Police Chief's Association. This ordinance uses this additional \$5,000 of grant and donation revenue to increase the District Attorney's Office operating expense budget by \$4,000 and fixed asset budget by \$1,000.

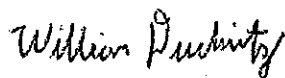
The purpose of this funding is to supplement \$6,000 of existing, base budget VOCA grant-funded expenditure authority that is being re-prioritized to purchase and care for a courthouse facility dog. The \$6,000 of VOCA funding is currently budgeted for operating expenses and is estimated to be available because of lower training and travel spending, partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the courthouse facility dog purchase will be classified as a fixed asset (over \$5,000 and a useful life exceeding one year), and this ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$6,000 of VOCA grant-funded operating expenditure authority to fixed assets to help cover most of the cost the dog purchase (the remainder coming from newly appropriated expenditure authority, funded with donation revenue—see table and footnote below).

<u>Item</u>	<u>Exp/Rev Category</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
VOCA Grant (already in base budget)*	General Government	\$ 6,000
Children's Justice Act Grant	General Government	\$ 4,000
Waukesha Police Chief's Association*	Other Revenue	\$ 1,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 11,000</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Purchase of Courthouse Facility Dog*	Fixed Assets	\$ 7,000
Food, Equipment, Care and Supplies	Operating Expenses	\$ 4,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 11,000</b>

\* The \$7,000 fixed asset budget includes \$6,000 transferred from estimated unspent operating expense appropriations and \$1,000 of new expenditure authority funded with a donation from the Waukesha Police Chief's Association.

The total budget of \$11,000 is expected to be more than what's needed to purchase and care for the courthouse facility dog through the remainder of the year. The department plans to request a carryover of any unspent funds into 2021 to help cover the cost of caring for the dog. After initial start-up costs, department management estimates that ongoing costs (e.g., food, supplies, medical care) could range from \$1,000 to \$2,200. The department does not intend or anticipate that this program will have any effect on tax levy, as there has already been interest from several other organizations to support this effort through donations, and ongoing costs may also be budgeted in the department's annual VOCA grant budget. The initial purchase and care of the dog is covered with grant and donation revenue.

This ordinance also establishes a two-year pilot program for the courthouse facility dog, whereby renewal after two years will be dependent upon the ability to raise non-levy funds for the ongoing maintenance of the dog and adherence to county policies.



William P. Duckwitz  
Budget Manager  
11/2/2020  
JE# 2020-00010594



**Ordinance 175-O-054**

**VOTE RESULTS: Passed With 17 Yes Votes Needed**

**AYE: 21    NAY: 1    ABSENT: 3**

D1 - Foti	AYE
D2 - Zimmermann	AYE
D3 - Morris	AYE
D4 - Batzko	AYE
D5 - Dondlinger	AYE
D6 - Walz	AYE
D7 - LaFontain	ABSENT
D8 - Michalski	AYE
D9 - Heinrich	AYE
D10 - Swan	ABSENT
D11 - Howard	Motion AYE
D12 - Wolff	AYE
D13 - Decker	AYE

D14 - Mommmaerts	AYE
D15 - Mitchell	AYE
D16 - Crowley	AYE
D17 - Paulson	Second AYE
D18 - Nelson	AYE
D19 - Cummings	AYE
D20 - Schellinger	NAY
D21 - Gaughan	AYE
D22 - Wysocki	AYE
D23 - Hammitt	ABSENT
D24 - Whittow	AYE
D25 - Johnson	AYE