

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

DATE: 08/15/2025

Original Fiscal Note



SUBJECT: Authorization to approve a Lease Agreement and a Development Agreement between Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee Domes Alliance.

FISCAL EFFECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures
(If checked, check one of two boxes below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Absorbed within Agency's Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed within Agency's Budget | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures | <input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | |

Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.

	Expenditure or Revenue Category	Current Year	Subsequent Year
Operating Budget	Expenditure		(\$770,000)
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		(\$770,000)
Capital Improvement Budget	Expenditure		\$5,000,000
	Revenue		
	Net Cost		\$5,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT

In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
 - B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.¹ If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
 - C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
 - D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.
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- A. Transferring the obligations, liabilities, and responsibilities of ownership of the Mitchell Park Domes to a supportive Friends group the Milwaukee Domes Alliance (MDA). The Milwaukee Domes Alliance will assume the responsibility of fundraising for and managing the construction of the historic rehabilitation of the Mitchell Park Domes. This transfer will be governed by a Lease Agreement and a Development Agreement that, among other things, describe the capital funding that the County would contribute to the restoration of the Domes structures. Based on 2025 budget amendment 06 and File #25-458, Milwaukee County's contribution would be up to \$30,000,000 in total allocated through smaller contributions within a 6-year period. The first installment contribution and the 5 thereafter would be for \$5,000,000 allocated in tranches based on certain contingencies. As an alternative to fixed annual contributions, it is recommended that the County's financial participation be structured in alignment with confirmed MDA fundraising milestones, tied to each project phase. This approach ensures greater alignment between County allocations and actual MDA fund raising progress and enhances flexibility in the County's annual capital budgeting process by reducing fixed-year allocations (\$5,000,000) should MDA fund raising progress milestones be delayed.
 - B. Through the transfer of obligations to the Milwaukee Domes Alliance, Milwaukee County would realize an operational savings of approximately \$770,000 per year. This is due to reduced administrative and maintenance obligations that are currently costs

¹ If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.

absorbed within Milwaukee County Parks' operating budget. The timing of savings and transfer of obligations is noted as "subsequent year" on this Fiscal Note, but that savings would be realized upon completion of the first phase of the project which could take place in 2027 or later.

C. None, this agreement envisions a 1 to 2 year period of fundraising before the project is able to commence. Capital contributions are anticipated to be requested beginning in the 2026 budget and is subject to future appropriation.

D. None

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Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Did CBDP Review?² ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Required