
DAS Budget Follow Up

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Finance Chair Johnson and Finance Committee Members (BCC):

During the Department of Administrative Services presentation this morning, a question came up about how funds requested in the 2026 budget for the Investing in Justice Courthouse Project (WC027604) will be utilized. Below is a breakdown from the Design and Construction Workgroup.

- Finalize conceptual design of new courthouse and begin schematic design, including preconstruction and cost estimate updates (\$6,020,000)
 - Preconstruction scope: cost estimating, construction logistics planning, developing bidding and procurement strategies, site investigations, coordination with authorities having jurisdiction (AHJs), such as the City of Milwaukee, related to construction planning, constructability reviews, project scheduling
- Complete site survey and geotechnical/environmental investigations to support new courthouse design (\$600,000)
- Start implementing swing space strategy to make portions of the Historic Courthouse ready for swing space occupation (\$6,000,000)
- Engage commissioning agent to assist with design efforts (\$1,000,000)
- Engage facility activation consultant to assist with swing space implementation (\$600,000)
- Begin design of demo of Public Safety Building (\$1,000,000)
- Continued support of communications strategies for internal and external stakeholders (\$300,000)
- Continued support of process improvement initiatives related to the justice system (\$300,000)

Feel free to reach out directly if you have additional questions. We are still working with the Funding Workgroup on a more detailed method for considering how cash funding increases/decreases would impact bonding and taxpayers.

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