

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 20, 2026

To: Marcelia Nicholson-Bovell, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Guy Smith, Executive Director for Milwaukee County Parks

Subject: Domes Reimagined Project Financial Report

File Type: Informational

REQUEST

This report is for informational purposes, there is no request at this time.

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	
Specific Adopted Budget:	
Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:	
Specific Adopted Capital Project:	WP 080301

BACKGROUND

Related File No's:	25-553
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	
Previous Action Date(s):	

In September 2025 the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved File #25-553 which authorized the Domes Reimagined project to move forward. This approval includes a commitment to funding up to \$30 million to the capital replacement and improvement of the Mitchell Park Domes and the eventual transfer of the facility and its operations from Milwaukee County to the Milwaukee Domes Alliance (“MDA”). The authorizing file included a resolution which was amended by the County Board to include the following, among other things -

“WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025, the Parks and Culture Committee reviewed both Agreements and, by consensus, recommended revisions to the Development Agreement, including: ...

2. the addition of a provision requiring MDA and County Parks to provide semiannual reports to the County Board of Supervisors, beginning with the June 2026 meeting cycle, in addition to the quarterly reporting already stipulated in the

Agreement;”

Per the Development Agreement between MDA and Milwaukee County, MDA shall provide written project financing updates to the County every ninety (90) days. Such updates shall include:

1. Capital Campaign status
2. Status on discussions with and commitments from any potential Project Funding Sources
3. Notice of any changes to the Project Financing Structure

The 2026 Milwaukee County Capital budget included project #WP 080301 which made the first County contribution of \$5,000,000 to the Domes Reimagined project. Prior to deliberation on the 2027 Capital budget, the Supervisors are provided the attached financial report which covers the first quarter of 2026.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses - The Domes Reimagined project support TBE goals during the construction phase of the project
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity - – Mitchell Park is the highest rank park on the Park Equity Index (10/10) an investment of this magnitude strongly supports the County’s equity goal of advancing health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions – Mitchell Park and the Domes are located in a high equity need area, prioritizing equity in capital investments is a key part of implementation of the County’s vision
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities
- 3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability – The Domes Reimagined campaign leverages a greater than 3:1 ratio of private investment to the County’s investment.
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities – The Domes Reimagined campaign has strong community support and is built on years of public engagement, following through on the community’s desire to complete this restoration honors the community’s feedback

FISCAL EFFECT

None, Milwaukee County Parks will make another request for capital funding to WP 080301 based on the terms of the Agreement.

TERMS

N/A

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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