

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

**DATE:** June 30, 2021

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** A resolution authorizing and requesting the Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff and the Milwaukee County House of Correction implement an incentive program encouraging incarcerated individuals to receive a COVID-19 vaccination and approving the use of funds allocated for emergency COVID-19 purposes as outlined in File No. 20-937 to provide money for inmate accounts if they choose to receive a COVID-19 vaccine during their stay.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No Direct County Fiscal Impact<br><input type="checkbox"/> Existing Staff Time Required<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Expenditures<br>(If checked, check one of two boxes below)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><input type="checkbox"/> Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Operating Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Operating Revenues | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Expenditures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Increase Capital Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Capital Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Use of contingent funds |
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*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
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$165,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$165,000	\$0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	\$0	\$0
	Revenue	\$0	\$0
	Net Cost	\$0	\$0

<sup>1</sup> This amount is based on certain assumptions that will provide sufficient funding to the departments to operate the incentive program. Actual costs will be determined after completion of the program, with unused program funds returning to the County.

## 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. 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. This resolution would allow for a \$50 incentive payment to an incarcerated individual who receives his or her first dose of a two-dose vaccine series or a single dose of single-dose vaccine while in custody. This incentive would be provided to the recipient in the inmate's trust account within three business days of receiving the eligible vaccine.
  - B. Each eligible vaccine would result in a \$50 cost for the County. The Criminal Justice Facility (CJF) provides anywhere from 30 – 100 of eligible vaccine doses weekly. The House of Correction (HOC) provides roughly 15 – 20 eligible vaccines per week. To the extent that the incentive changes current behavior and increases eligible vaccines given, and to anticipate and provide sufficient funding for the program, it is possible that up to 150 vaccines could be given weekly (up to 110 at the CJF and up to 40 at the HOC). Assuming that this program is effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, there could be up to 3,300 vaccines administered throughout the remainder of 2021. The incentive program for 3,300 vaccines would cost \$165,000. The actual amount could differ substantially depending on the actual number of eligible vaccines given during the incentive program. A reconciliation will be completed upon completion of the incentive program and any unused funds will be returned to the County.
  - C. File 20-937 authorized the use of up to \$5.0 million for emergency COVID-related needs. Unspent funds within that appropriation will be used to offset the cost of the vaccine incentive program for 2021. Because the program terminates December 31, 2021, there are no 2022 budgetary costs associated with the program.
  - D. This fiscal note assumes that:
    - That the population at the CJF and HOC will remain roughly the same as current populations. Increases or decreases in population could result in more or less eligible vaccines given, directly affecting the cost of the program.
    - The maximum that the incentive program could cost is \$165,000, which assumes 110 weekly eligible doses administered at the CJF and 40 weekly eligible doses administered

at the HOC. It is possible that a dramatic shift in behavior could occur due to the incentive program, which would result in higher costs. Conversely, it is also possible that behavior will not shift as much as assumed, which would result in lower costs.

- This estimate does not take into consideration the availability of vaccines which could negatively (or positively) impact the incentive program during 2021.

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Authorized Signature



Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review?  Yes  No

Did CBDP Review?<sup>2</sup>  Yes  No  Not Required