

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

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To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chair, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: Joe Lamers, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance
Subject: Combined Courts Eviction Diversion Grant Court Coordinator Position Create
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REQUEST

The Clerk of Courts with Combined Courts is requesting to create 1.0 FTE Court Coordinator as part of an Eviction Diversion Grant from the National Center for State Courts (NCSC).

POLICY

Wisconsin State Statutes:	Wis Stats 59.17
Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	MCGO 56.06(1); 17.05(1)
Specific Adopted Budget:	2022 Adopted Budget

BACKGROUND

Milwaukee County Combined Courts has convened the Housing Consortium (HC) for approximately two years to improve the handling of evictions in Milwaukee. The HC is composed of judges, commissioners, clerks from the court system, landlord representatives, legal services, rental assistance, and local funding partners.

In the 2022, Combined Courts added one commissioner and three clerks to address evictions processed in Milwaukee County. Milwaukee County also launched a “right to counsel” initiative in the fall of 2021. The increase in staff capacity represents a shift toward problem-solving and collaboration to improve the eviction process and increase housing stability in Milwaukee. To further support these efforts, the Chief Judge and Clerk of Circuit Court applied for and received a grant from the National Center for State Courts to fund a Court Coordinator (Eviction Diversion) to facilitate continued progress.

FISCAL EFFECT

The estimated cost for the position in 2022 is \$43,981, assuming a hire date of June 1, 2022. The total 2023 estimated annual salary and social security cost of the position is \$73,774. The grant is for a two-year period totaling \$181,098 with the potential for additional funding in the third and fourth years of the program. The position costs will be fully funded by the Eviction Diversion Grant.

POSITION INFORMATION

<u>Action</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Pay Range</u>	<u>Annual Salary Range</u>
Create	Court Coordinator – Eviction Diversion Grant from National Center for State Courts	29M	\$62,911 - \$75,377

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Joe Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance.

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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