

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
District Attorney's Office
Inter-Office Communication

Date: May 4, 2017 Legistar File No. 17- 404
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, County Board of Supervisors
From: District Attorney's Office
Subject: Creation of New Position of District Attorney Investigator

We are requesting, pursuant to section 17.05 of the county general ordinances, the creation of a new position of district attorney investigator, as follows:

1.0 FTE, Investigator District Attorney, Job Code 21012008, Pay Range PO12

Currently, there are 16 authorized positions of investigator in the district attorney's budget, all of which are assigned to job code 21012008 and pay range P012, the same job code and pay range that we are requesting for the new position of district attorney investigator.


County Board Resolution 17-320, adopted on April 20, 2017, approved funding in the courts' budget, with the consent of the chief judge under the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Safety and Justice Challenge Phase II Implementation grant award, for the creation of 1.0 FTE position of district attorney investigator. The MacArthur grant funding is for 18 months, with the option to extend if additional MacArthur grant award funds are available, in the amount of \$150,000 for the investigator's salary and fringe benefits.

The Safety and Justice Challenge Phase II Implementation MacArthur grant award includes funding to enhance Crisis Assessment Response Teams (CART) for county residents experiencing mental health crises. The district attorney investigator funded by the MacArthur grant will serve as the law enforcement professional on the first countywide CART team to respond with a behavioral health clinician to emergency calls of county residents suffering mental health crises.

The MacArthur grant CART project provides funding only for the new district attorney investigator's salary and fringe benefits; the district attorney's office is responsible for absorbing in its adopted 2017 budget the law enforcement supplies and equipment for the new position. We estimate the 2017 cost of law enforcement supplies and equipment for the new district attorney investigator at \$15,875, and we are submitting a fund transfer request this cycle to move funds from the district attorney's operating budget to capital budget to purchase the investigator's portable radio, squad car radio, and laptop computer.

The district attorney's office also is responsible for absorbing in its adopted 2017 budget the costs of a county vehicle for the countywide CART project. We are submitting a separate action item this cycle requesting authorization for assignment of an additional county vehicle to the district attorney's office for the district attorney investigator assigned to the MacArthur grant CART project.

Respectfully Submitted,



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District Attorney