Eau Claire

AGENDA Committee on Finance & Budget

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:00 p.m. Courthouse – Room #1301/1302 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Join by Phone:

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A majority of the county board may be in attendance at this meeting; however, only members of the committee may take action on an agenda item.

- 1. Call to Order and Confirmation of Meeting Notice
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Review of Meeting Minutes / Discussion Action
- 5. Proposed Resolution 23-24/057 "Authorizing a 2023 Budget Amendment for Approval of 2023 Grant Awards, Donations, and Other Revenue Given to Eau Claire County" / Discussion Action
- 6. Proposed Resolution 23-24/055 "Creating 1.0 (FTE) Grant Funded Data Specialist Position in the Criminal Justice Services Department" / Discussion Action
- 7. Proposed Resolution 23-24/059 "Creating 1.0 (FTE) Grant Funded Deflection Program Case Manager Position in the Eau Claire County Department of Human Services" / Discussion Action
- 8. Proposed Resolution 23-24/064 "Granting the Use of Contingency Funds and Authorizing the Parks and Forest Department to Apply for the Wisconsin Municipal Dam Grant in Order to Repair the Altoona Dam" / Discussion Action
- 9. Future Meetings and Agenda Items / Discussion
 - a. Regular December meeting
 - b. Contract Review
 - c. Code Section Review
- 10. Adjourn

Prepared by: Amy Weiss

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Eau Claire

MINUTES Committee on Finance & Budget

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

6:30 p.m. Courthouse – Room #1301/1302 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Members Present: Supervisors Jim Dunning, Robin Leary, Cory Sisk (Webex), Dane Zook

Members Absent: Supervisor John Folstad

Staff Present: Sharon McIlquham, Corporation Counsel; Jason Szymanski, Finance Director; Amy Weiss, Senior

Accounting Manager

Chair Zook called the Committee on Finance & Budget to order at 6:30 pm and confirmed compliance with open meetings law.

The committee clerk took roll call. Members present are indicated above.

No members of the public were present.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Leary moved approval of revised minutes

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Proposed Resolution 23-24/053 "Denying the Claims of Randal Creviston Against Eau Claire County; Directing the County Clerk to Notify the Claimant of Said Denial"

Motion: Dunning moved approval as presented

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Review and Approval of County Board Chair Reimbursement Request

Motion: Leary moved approval of reimbursement for trip to WCA Conference

Vote: 4-0 via voice vote

Future Meetings: December 14, 2023 at 4:00 pm Agenda Items: Contract Review, Code Section Review

The committee adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Amy Weiss Committee Clerk

FACT SHEET

FILE NO. 23-24/057

The Finance Department has received requests from several departments to increase their 2023 budgets for certain expenditures. These requests are based on additional sources of revenue, either new grant awards, donations, or other revenue. Unspent funds that are to be used for specific purposes will be recorded in the 2024 budget by carryforward request in early 2024.

Fiscal Impact: No additional cost, as the source of the funding is additional revenue.

Respectfully Submitted

Amy Weiss Senior Accounting Manager

Enrolled No. RESOLUTION File No. 23-24/057

- AUTHORIZING A 2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR APPROVAL OF 2023 GRANT AWARDS, DONATIONS, AND OTHER REVENUE GIVEN TO EAU CLAIRE COUNTY -

WHEREAS, Section 59.52(19) Wis. Stats. empowers the County Board to accept donations, gifts, or grants of money for any public governmental purpose within the powers of the County; and

WHEREAS, the departments listed below have received grant awards and donations to be used to support the department's existing 2023 programs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorizes amending the following 2023 departmental revenue and expenditure budgets for additional grant awards received since June 30, 2023.

DEPARTMENT Sheriff Sheriff	William A Bing Opioid Abatem	DESCRIPTION William A Bingham Family Endowment Opioid Abatement Efforts by		
Nondepartmental		Law Enforcement Agencies Opioid Settlement Funds		
Total Additional Grants an	d Donations		\$ 509,153	
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VOTE: Aye	Nay			
Dated this day of		, 2023.		

The Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office has successfully secured a grant dedicated to "Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies." Within the framework of this grant, the department is seeking a Data Specialist whose position will be entirely funded by the grant. The Data Specialist will collaborate with Public Health, the Eau Claire Sheriff's Office, the Eau Claire Police Department, the Criminal Justice Services Department, Human Services, local hospitals/EMS providers, and the community. Together, they will assess and analyze the legal and behavioral impact of opioid use on the residents of Eau Claire County.

The primary responsibilities of the Data Specialist include obtaining and visualizing baseline data, as well as ongoing data throughout the grant's duration. This data will be crucial for quantifying and reporting the impact of the efforts. Moreover, the Data Specialist will support the deflection team in identifying individuals who stand to benefit from the service.

The contract period for the grant funding spans from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Due to the timing of awards, it is expected that the utilization will extend beyond the June 30, 2024, date, there is communication indicating that the organization can still utilize the grant funding. There will be no fiscal impact on either the 2023 or 2024 budgets, as this position is entirely funded by the grant.

Position Title	Hourly Pay Rate	Hours paid per	# of weeks paid in	Total Cost
		Week	contract period	
Data Specialist	\$40.03	40.00	52.00	\$83,262.40

Position Title	Salary	Fringe Rate	Total Cost
Data Specialist	\$83,262.40	52.500%	\$43,712.76

Data Specialist Fringe: Consists of FICA (7.6%), retirement (6.7%), HAS (1.8%), Health Insurance (35.7%), Life Insurance (.3%), Dental (.4%)

Respectfully submitted by,

Tiana Glenna Criminal Justice Services Director Dave Riewestahl Sheriff

CREATING 1.0 (FTE) GRANT FUNDED DATA SPECIALIST POSITION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant titled "Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies; and

WHEREAS, part of the funding from this grant is earmarked for a Data Specialist that will work with all stakeholders such as Public Health, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, City of Eau Claire Police Department, the Criminal Justice Services Department, the Department of Human Services, local hospitals/EMS service providers, and the community; and

WHEREAS, this position will support the deflection program and identify individuals to receive support, this position will be responsible for data collection, cleaning, visualization, and analysis using various software; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this position is \$83,262.40 for salary/personnel costs and \$43,712.76 in fringe benefits paid for by the grant; and

WHEREAS, the contract period of this position is July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, however due to the timing of when the grant was awarded, the Sheriff has been advised that the funds are for the organization to use as identified until they are exhausted by a process of reapplication in June 2024 for any unused monies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the creation of 1.0 (FTE) Data Specialist position in the Criminal Justice Services Department effective July 1, 2023.

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Committee on Human Resources	Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Dated this, 2023.	Dated this day of, 2023
Vote: Aye Nay	Vote:AyeNay

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FACT SHEET 23-24/059

The Eau Claire County Department of Human Services has secured a grant specifically allocated for "Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies." Within the grant framework, the department is in search of a Deflection Program Case Manager, and the entirety of this position's funding will come from the grant. The Deflection Program Case Manager will collaborate with various entities, including Public Health, the Eau Claire Sheriff's Office, the Eau Claire Police Department, the Criminal Justice Services Department, Human Services, local hospitals/EMS providers, and the community.

Key responsibilities of the Deflection Program Case Manager involve overseeing activities related to the Eau Claire County Deflection Program. This includes facilitating the screening of potential participants to assess program eligibility and suitability, carrying out intake tasks necessary to meet both grant and local program requirements, and collecting and reporting participant data to fulfill grant and local program obligations.

The grant's funding period spans from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Considering the timing of awards, it is anticipated that the utilization of the grant will extend beyond the June 30, 2024, deadline, as indicated by communication allowing continued use of the grant funding. There is no fiscal impact on either the 2023 or 2024 budgets, as the position's financial support is entirely derived from the grant.

Position Title	1 FTE Monthly Pay	Hours paid per	# of months paid	Total Cost
	Rate	Week	in contract period	
Deflection	\$5,243.34	100%	12.00	\$62,920.08
Program Case				
Manager				

Position Title	Salary	Fringe Rate	Total Cost
Deflection Program	\$62,920.08	60.250%	\$37,909.35
Case Manager			

Deflection Program Case Manager Fringe: Consists of FICA (\$4,089.80), HAS (\$1,500.00). Health Insurance (\$27,556.56)

Respectfully submitted by,

Angela Weideman
Department of Human Services Director

CREATING 1.0 (FTE) GRANT FUNDED DEFLECTION PROGRAM CASE MANAGER POSITION IN THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant titled "Opioid Abatement Efforts by Law Enforcement Agencies; and

WHEREAS, part of the funding from this grant is earmarked for a Deflection Program Case Manager that will work with all stakeholders such as Public Health, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office, City of Eau Claire Police Department, the Criminal Justice Services Department, the Department of Human Services, local hospitals/EMS service providers, and the community; and

WHEREAS, this position will be responsible for individuals referred to the diversion/deflection program; which includes by is not limited to making referrals to needed services, tracking progress, providing case management services, data collection and reporting, information sharing with stakeholders, providing education related to the program, and outreach; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for this position is \$62,920.08 in salary/personnel costs and \$37,909.35 in fringe benefits paid for by the grant; and

WHEREAS, the contract period of this position is July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024, however due to the timing of when the grant was awarded, the Sheriff has been advised that the funds are for the organization to use as identified until they are exhausted by a process of reapplication in June 2024 for any unused monies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the creation of 1.0 (FTE) Deflection Program Case Manager in the Eau Claire County Department of Human Services effective July 1, 2023.

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Committee on Human Resources	Human Services Board
Dated this, 2023.	Dated this day of, 2023.
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Resolution to create 1.0 FTE Case Manager



Enforcement
Opioid
Abatement
Efforts (grant by
the State Dept
of Health
Services)

Case Manager position- This 1.0 FTE will be for deflection services and will report to Human Services in our Behavioral Health Division. Human Services is bringing this resolution forward.

Data specialist position- This 1.0 FTE will report to the Criminal Justices Services (CJS) and Sheriffs Department/CJS is taking that resolution forward.

Peer support-Request For Proposal (RFP) Human Services will work with the 4 county department team to support the RFP process.

Deflection

- The program is made possible through a \$350,453 WI Department of Health Services grant that was awarded to the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Department in November 2023. The grant was written in collaboration with all four county department partners.
- Law enforcement encounters citizens due to various types of complaints from the public.
- When law enforcement determines that deflection from arrest and referral to services is a safe disposition and makes more sense than criminal justice system involvement, a referral to the deflection program can occur.
- Deflection means that a citizen having problems in the community, that appears related to mental health or substance use issues, will be referred for services and not enter the criminal justice system.
- The grant is funded by the State of Wisconsin Opioid Settlement Funds. The grant is a one-year award.

What will a Case Manager Do?

- When law enforcement acts to deflect a citizen, the case manager position will be the designated staff to take a warm hand off from law enforcement to assess and address the needs of the citizen.
- During initial contacts, the case manager will determine existing services the citizen may benefit from and will determine if a substance use assessment or mental health assessment is indicated.
- For citizens that have an opioid use disorder or opioid use history, the grant will provide primary funding for peer support services.
- For citizens that do not have an opioid use disorder or opiate use history, the case manager will help the citizen obtain available resources and make linkages to existing services. A strong emphasis on peer support will be used.
- Peer support is a primary service strategy to help citizens make desired or needed life changes.



What happens after one year?

- Sustainability of programs and services for citizens is a high priority. When programs open and close or come and go, the community can become frustrated or confused about how to seek help.
- There is a possibility that The State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services would continue to make this grant opportunity available for future years.
- There is a possibility that Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Funds could be used to sustain these grant activities.
- There is a possibility that a combination of Eau Claire County Opioid Settlement Funds and program revenues earned by this case management position could be used to sustain these grant activities. We can bill case management services for clients who have medical assistance.
- The grant activities are supported by a strong data platform and a grant-funded data analyst
 position in the Criminal Justice Services (CJS) that will demonstrate the outcomes of the grant
 activities so that decision makers will be well informed about the outcomes and limitations of the
 planned grant activities.

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 23-24/064

Eau Claire County is the owner of a large dam located within the County known as the Altoona dam. The dam stands 44 feet high and 240 feet long. Owners of such dams are required to inspect the integrity of such dams every ten years under Wisconsin Statute §31.19 (2). In accordance with the previous statute, an inspection was completed on the Altoona dam by Ayres Associates on August 11, 2022. Following the inspection, a report was provided to the parties by Ayres Associates listing the dam's "fair" condition and identifying areas of concern. The initial estimate to design and repair concrete spalling on the Altoona Dam is approximately one hundred and five thousand dollars (\$105.000.00).

Josh Pedersen, the Parks and Forest Director, received a letter dated October 18, 2023, from the Wisconsin DNR. Said letter directs Eau Claire County to make certain repairs and assessments to the Altoona Dam, these directives include a completion date of October 31, 2024. Due to the late notice, there are no funds allocated in the budget to repair the Altoona dam.

The costs, including design, repair, or construction, are eligible for the Wisconsin Municipal Dam Grant. If approved, the grant is a cost sharing program in which the State will provide 50% of the funding toward the first \$1,000,000 and 25% of the funding for the next \$2,000,000.

Fiscal Impact: \$52,500 (fifty-two thousand and five hundred dollars)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chauncey Ellefsen

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GRANTING THE USE OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE PARKS AND FOREST DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL DAM GRANT IN ORDER TO REPAIR THE ALTOONA DAM.

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WHEREAS, Eau Claire County owns a large dam located within the County, known as Altoona Dam; and

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WHEREAS, said dam was inspected by Ayres Associates on August 11, 2022, in accordance with the Wisconsin DNR required dam safety inspections; and

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WHEREAS, based on the 2022 Ayres Associates inspection, on October 18, 2023, the Wisconsin DNR provided directives to complete repairs to the dam concrete by October 31, 2024; and

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WHEREAS, Ayres Associates has provided an initial estimate of one hundred and five thousand dollars (\$105,000.00) for the design and to construct repairs to the spalling concrete of the dam; and

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WHEREAS, Eau Claire County requests financial assistance under s. 31.385 and s. 227.11, Wis. Stats., and Ch. NR 335, Wis. Adm. Code, for the purpose of dam maintenance and repair; and

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WHEREAS, the State share for such a project may not exceed 50 percent (50%) of the first \$1,000,000.00 of total eligible project costs nor 25 percent (25%) of the next \$2,000,000.00 of total eligible project costs; and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors grants authority to the Parks and Forest Department through their Director to use contingency funding in order to repair spalling concrete on the Altoona dam;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Parks and Forest Department through their director to apply for the Wisconsin Municipal Dam Grant by:

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Submitting an application to the DNR for financial aid under Ch. NR 335, Wis. Adm. Code; signing grant agreement documents; taking all necessary action to complete the project associated with any grant agreement; and submitting reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation.

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Dated: This ______, 2023.

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VOTE: AYE NAY