



Legislation Text

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The proposed resolution creates a Public Health Specialist position in Public Health funded by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Public Health has received an Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant to fund a 1.0 FTE Public Health Specialist position from May 2020 to August 2022 to promote strategies and activities that build local capacity to prevent morbidity and mortality associated with opioid overdoses. The 2020 estimated cost of the position is \$31,000, including benefits and will be funded entirely by the grant. The annual cost of the position is \$92,000, including benefits and will also be fully funded by the grant.

The resolution also increases the FTE for a Public Health Specialist position funded by the Department of Justice Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP) grant.

Public Health is partnering with the Madison Police Department, Dane County Department of Human Services, the Madison Fire Department, and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute to implement the COAP grant and "Pathways to Recovery Madison & Dane County" initiative. The Common Council passed a resolution on January 7, 2020 to create a grant-funded 0.75 FTE Pathways to Recovery Program Coordinator position in Public Health (RES-20-00006).

The Dane County Board approved the reclassification of the 0.75 FTE Program Coordinator position to a 0.75 FTE Public Health Specialist position on August 13, 2020 due to changes in the scope of the duties from project evaluation, data collection, and analysis to project management and with the budgetary savings from the reclassification, the COAP grant will fund an additional 0.25 FTE to make the Public Health Specialist position 1.0 FTE at no additional cost. The 2020 estimated cost of the position is \$17,600, including benefits and will be funded entirely by the grant. The annual cost of the position is \$84,400, including benefits and will also be fully funded by the grant.

The Intergovernmental Agreement creating the joint City-County health department requires approval of both the Dane County Board and the City Council for the creation of any new positions. The Dane County Board approved the creation of the OD2A Public Health Specialist position on June 8, 2020 and a resolution will be introduced to the Dane County Board requesting approval for the 0.25 FTE additional position authority for the COAP Public Health Specialist on September 17, 2020.

SUBSTITUTE - Creating a Project Position to combat opioid abuse and amending the 2020 operating budget in Public Health Madison-Dane County

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis is a public health emergency threatening the wellbeing and lives of individuals who use drugs and impacts communities, first responders, the criminal justice system, child welfare and foster care, and behavioral health systems; and,

WHEREAS, Public Health-Madison and Dane County (PHMDC) will provide expertise as a community convener and in systems change through the project coordination and implementation of two grants to combat opioid abuse; and,

WHEREAS, PHMDC has received the Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant to fund a 1.0 FTE Public Health Specialist - Project Management position from May 2020 to August 2022 at a cost of \$191,711 to promote strategies and activities that build local capacity to prevent morbidity and mortality associated with opioid

overdoses. This position will strengthen PHMDC's ability to collect, analyze, and apply data; enhance linkages to care; build partnerships with public safety and first responders; empower individuals to make safer choices; and support innovative prevention approaches; and,

WHEREAS, PHMDC will also partner with Madison Police Department, Dane County Department of Human Services, Madison Fire Department, and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute to implement the Department of Justice Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP) grant and "Pathways to Recovery Madison & Dane County" initiative. The Common Council passed resolution 57897 on January 7, 2020 to create a grant-funded 0.75 FTE Pathways to Recovery Program Coordinator position for PHMDC to be created and filled by Dane County; and,

WHEREAS, the Dane County Board approved the reclassification of the 0.75 FTE Program Coordinator position to a 0.75 FTE Public Health Specialist - Project Management position on August 13, 2020 due to changes in the scope of the duties from project evaluation, data collection, and analysis to project management; and,

WHEREAS, with the budgetary savings from the reclassification, the COAP grant will fund an additional 0.25 FTE to make the 0.75 FTE Public Health Specialist position whole at no additional cost; and,

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Agreement creating the joint City-County health department requires approval of both the Dane County Board and the City Council for the creation of any new positions; and,

WHEREAS, the Dane County Board has approved the creation of the OD2A Public Health Specialist - Project Management Position on June 8, 2020 to be funded entirely for the duration of the position through 2022 by the OD2A grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Dane County Board will approve the creation of 0.25 FTE additional position authority to add to the 0.75 FTE Pathways to Recovery Public Health Specialist - Project Management at no additional cost to the COAP grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Madison approves the creation of the above position authority **and amends the Public Health 2020 operating budget to increase salaries (\$19,000) and benefits (\$12,000) and increase Federal Revenues (\$31,000) to fund the position in 2020.**