

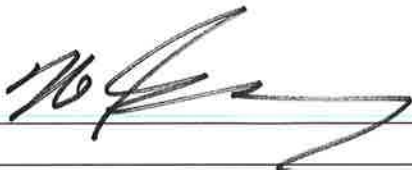
Kenosha County
Administrative Proposal Form

1. Proposal Overview

Division: District Attorney Department: District Attorney

Proposal Summary (attach explanation and required documents):

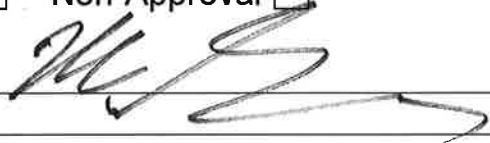
2022 Proposal to allocate Kenosha County ARPA funds to assist District Attorney's Office with case backlog.

Dept./Division Head Signature:  Date: 4/27/22

2. Department Head Review

Comments:

Recommendation: Approval Non-Approval

Department Head Signature:  Date: 4/27/22

3. Finance Division Review

Comments:

Recommendation: Approval Non-Approval

Finance Signature: Patricia Merrill Date: 4/27/22

4. County Executive Review


Comments:

Action: Approval Non-Approval

Executive Signature:  Date: 4/28/2022

**KENOSHA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Subject: 2022 District Attorney's Office Proposal for Allocation of Federal ARPA Funds			
Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Corrected <input type="checkbox"/>	2 nd Correction <input type="checkbox"/>	Resubmitted <input type="checkbox"/>
Date Submitted:		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted By: Judiciary & Law Enf. Committee & Finance/Admin Committee			
Fiscal Note Attached: X		Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	
Prepared By: Tina Burke, Office Manager		Signature: 	

WHEREAS, events in calendar years 2020 and 2021 including the COVID-19 pandemic and local civil unrest have affected the Courts calendar and availability to process and in some cases created additional caseloads;

WHEREAS, these events have created a backlog of approximately 400 criminal cases and approximately 100 civil unrest related cases that need to be brought through the judicial system;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Kenosha County address the backlog of cases to ensure that the victims and defendants are timely heard in the system;

WHEREAS, the State has announced a program that uses State America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) available funding to provide resources to local court systems to address the backlogs that are occurring statewide;

WHEREAS, the State has announced the allocation of two prosecutors to Kenosha beginning in May 2022 for the period of two years;

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Circuit Court judges have decided to address the backlog by creating a full fourth criminal branch of court, which will require additional staffing by the District Attorney's Office;

WHEREAS, the allocation of these additional prosecutors in a fourth branch of criminal court will create an additional need for support services, which includes paralegal and Victim/Witness services;

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office has determined the need of one additional Paralegal and Victim/Witness Advocate FTE to address this additional need for support services;

WHEREAS, Kenosha County was allocated federal ARPA funding to use for addressing fiscal issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic;


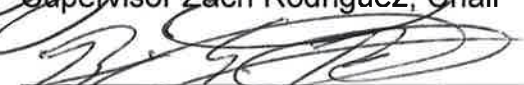
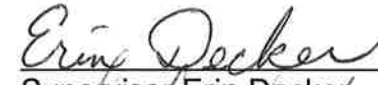
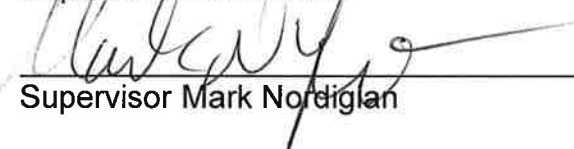

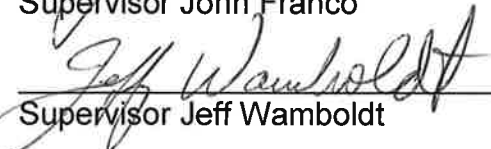
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board and County Administration approve the hiring of the addition of one Paralegal FTE and one Victim/Witness Advocate effective June 1, 2022;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board approves the allocation of \$98,000 of ARPA funds for the purpose of these additional staff for fiscal year 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board approve the amendment of the 2022 County budget to appropriate funds for this purpose per the budget modification which is attached and incorporated by reference.

Respectfully Submitted:

JUDICIARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
 Supervisor Zach Rodriguez, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Supervisor Brian Bashaw, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Supervisor Erin Decker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Supervisor Mark Nordigian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 Supervisor John Franco	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Supervisor Jeff Wamboldt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully Submitted:

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Excused</u>
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_____ Supervisor Dave Geertsen, Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Supervisor John Poole

Supervisor Erin Decker

Supervisor Tim Stocker

Supervisor Brian Bashaw

Supervisor Bill Grady

