

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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INITIATED BY



Justice Overcoming Borders
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August 7, 2018
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**IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING STATE FUNDING FOR AND EXPANDING
ACCESS TO THE TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES AND DIVERSION (TAD)
GRANT PROGRAM**

1 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's state prisons are overcrowded, understaffed and, in some cases, very near
2 the end of their physical viability, and
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4 **WHEREAS**, new OWI laws, the heroin epidemic, and the continuing crisis of methamphetamine
5 addiction are threatening to further increase the population of our prisons, and
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7 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has many proven, evidence-based, cost-effective alternatives to incarceration.
8 Drug Treatment Courts, Veteran's Courts, Family Courts, OWI Courts, and other interventions have
9 all proven to be more effective than incarceration for reducing recidivism, and
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11 **WHEREAS**, legislatively-mandated evaluations of the programs funded by the Treatment Alternatives
12 and Diversions (TAD) fund show that they save taxpayers almost \$2 for every \$1 the state has
13 invested, and
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15 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) which advises an
16 Adult Drug Court and an OWI Court. Additionally, we have a Veterans' Treatment Court and a
17 Deferred Prosecution Program. All of these interventions have averted thousands of jail-bed days and
18 improved public health and safety by addressing criminogenic risks and needs.
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20 **WHEREAS**, Rock County and all local units of government in Wisconsin are statutorily restricted in
21 their ability to raise revenue to fund local initiatives such as those described above.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
24 assembled this 13th day of September, 2018, does hereby urge the Governor and State
25 Legislature to enhance public safety and reduce unnecessary Corrections related expenditures by:
26 1. Increasing funding for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program
27 by \$15 million annually;
28 2. Changing the TAD statute so that people who were once convicted of a violent crime can
29 be eligible if the new crime is non-violent in nature;
30 3. Focusing the growth in TAD in four main areas:
31 a. Expansion of all forms of treatment courts;
32 b. Expansion of programs that address substance abuse treatment for those in the criminal
33 justice system;
34 c. Expansion of funding for treatment alternatives that are targeted to the communities
35 that have the state's highest incarceration rates.
36 d. Provide adequate administrative support at the Wisconsin Department of Justice to
37 administer TAD funded programs;
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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy of
40 this resolution to Governor Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Rock County
41 Legislative Delegation.

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution addresses State policy and budgeting issues and has no direct fiscal impact on Rock County operations in and by itself.

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LEGAL NOTE:

Advisory only.

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Matter of policy.

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