

BROWN COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Wisconsin Department of Corrections
Attn: Danielle Melfi
201 East Washington Avenue
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September 23, 2019

Dear Ms. Melfi,

I am providing this letter and attachments as an update to the proposal submission and presentations that Brown County has provided previously. I believe there were some questions remaining on some areas, and those are covered below.

Cost and Match Estimate

Brown County continues to use an estimated facility size of 70,971 square feet which includes a 24-bed Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth, and a 32-bed Secure Detention. This is consistent with the presentation on August 19th to the Juvenile Corrections Grant Committee. There was a small change of 1 square foot due to some rounding.

The total cost associated with design and construction of the facility is estimated to be \$43,093,591. This facility is being planned to house up to 8 females in the SRCCCY program, and up to 8 females in the Secure Detention program. The estimated cost of the portion of the facility for females is \$3,556,086 for the design and construction based on the square footage.

The estimated cost of the facility subject to the 95% funding is estimated to be \$37,551,130, and the estimated cost of the facility subject to the 100% funding is \$3,556,086. The required Brown County match is estimated to be \$1,976,375. Brown County is going to request that the county owned land be considered part of the match.

Letters of Support

Attached are additional letters of support from counties in the region. Brown County staff continue to request meetings and pursue additional letters of support from the District Attorney's Office, State Public Defender Office, Brown County Sheriff's Office, Brown County Executive, Circuit Court Judges, and the local school district. As these letters become available, they will be submitted as supplemental materials to the application.

Brown County Board of Supervisors

A resolution has been drafted and submitted for approval to the Human Services Committee and Public Safety Committee of the Brown County Board of Supervisors. This resolution will be taken up at the Human Services Committee on September 25, 2019. The Public Safety Committee meeting will take place in the first part of October. The full County Board could be presented with the resolution on

October 16, 2019 based on the action of the standing committees. The resolution as it appears on the Human Services Committee meeting agenda is attached.

We continue to refine our proposal through gathering more information, and engaging with different stakeholders. We appreciate the opportunity to continue the work, and to refine our proposal. If there are additional questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erik Pritzl". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Erik Pritzl, MSSW, MBA
Executive Director



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Brown County Health & Human Services
Attn: Erik Pritzl, Director
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Date: 9/19/19

Dear Mr. Pritzl,

Wausshara County is providing this letter to Brown County Health & Human Services in support of the application for funding for construction of a new facility which includes a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) and a Secure Detention. Brown County has applied for the grant to provide a valuable service to meet both the short-term and long-term needs of children and youth in the region. By having a facility in the region, children and youth can maintain connections with their families, supports and communities and our agency can coordinate services to transition youth back to their home communities.

Brown County's proposal to provide a 24-bed SRCCCY and a 32-bed Secure Detention facility is an effort to provide the services needed. Our agency is aware of the risks of operating a facility of this type and size, and understands the daily rate will range from \$550-\$685 per day depending on utilization, census and the needs of the youth. Meeting the requirements of applicable Wisconsin Administrative Codes and Statutes will require a staffing level and supportive services to support the estimated rate. We would expect to place between three and five youth per year in Secure Detention, and between zero and one youth per year in an SRCCCY.

While many counties provide services with a goal of diverting youth from a correctional environment, there are situations where the needs of the youth and the safety of the community support an intervention such as placement in this type of facility. Brown County has been providing services under a 180-day program for Brown County youth which provides a programming foundation for expanding services. Brown County's efforts to provide this option to the region are supported by this agency.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Erickson, Director

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September 18, 2019

Brown County Health & Human Services
Attn: Erik Pritzl, Director
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Green Bay, WI 54305-2188

Dear Mr. Pritzl,

Marinette County is providing this letter to Brown County Health & Human Services in support of the application for funding for construction of a new facility which includes a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) and a Secure Detention. Brown County has applied for the grant to provide a valuable service to meet both the short-term and long-term needs of children and youth in the region. By having a facility in the region, children and youth can maintain connections with their families, supports and communities and our agency can coordinate services to transition youth back to their home communities.

Brown County's proposal to provide a 24-bed SRCCCY and a 32-bed Secure Detention facility is an effort to provide the services needed. Our agency is aware of the risks of operating a facility of this type and size, and understands the daily rate will range from \$550-\$685 per day depending on utilization, census and the needs of the youth. Meeting the requirements of applicable Wisconsin Administrative Codes and Statutes will require a staffing level and supportive services to support the estimated rate. We would expect to place between 25-30 youth per year in Secure Detention, and between 1-2 youth per year in an SRCCCY.

While many counties provide services with a goal of diverting youth from a correctional environment, there are situations where the needs of the youth and the safety of the community support an intervention such as placement in this type of facility. Brown County has been providing services under a 180-day program for Marinette County youth which provides a programming foundation for expanding services. Brown County's efforts to provide this option to the region are supported by this agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robin Elsner, MSW".

Robin Elsner, MSW

Director-Marinette County Health and Human Services



Human Services Department

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September 19, 2019

Brown County Health & Human Services
ATTN: Erik Pritzl, Director
111 N. Jefferson Street
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Green Bay, WI 54305-2188

Dear Mr. Pritzl;

Manitowoc County Human Services Department is in support of the application by Brown County Health & Human Services for funding for construction of a new facility which includes a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth and a Secure Detention facility. By locating a facility in this region, children and youth can maintain connections with their families, supports and communities rather than having to be placed several hours away.

While our county provides alternative services with the goal of diverting youth from a correctional facility, there may be situations where the needs of the youth and the safety of the community would require this type of facility.

We support Brown County's efforts to provide this option to the Northeast region.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dodge

Patricia Dodge
Director
MANITOWOC COUNTY HUMAN
SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Door County Health and Human Services

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Brown County Health & Human Services

Attn: Erik Pritzl, Director

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September 13, 2019

Dear Mr. Pritzl,

Door County is providing this letter to Brown County Health & Human Services in support of the application for funding for construction of a new facility which includes a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) and a Secure Detention. Brown County has applied for the grant to provide a valuable service to meet both the short-term and long-term needs of children and youth in the region. By having a facility in the region, children and youth can maintain connections with their families, supports and communities and our agency can coordinate services to transition youth back to their home communities.

Brown County's proposal to provide a 24-bed SRCCCY and a 32-bed Secure Detention facility is an effort to provide the services needed. Our agency is aware of the risks of operating a facility of this type and size and understands the daily rate will range from \$550-\$685 per day depending on utilization, census and the needs of the youth. Meeting the requirements of applicable Wisconsin Administrative Codes and Statutes will require a staffing level and supportive services to support the estimated rate. We would expect to place between 15 and 20 youth per year in Secure Detention, for between 90-120 days and between 0 and 1 youth per year in an SRCCCY.

While we provide services with a goal of diverting youth from a correctional environment, there are situations where the needs of the youth and the safety of the community support an intervention such as placement in this type of facility. Brown County has been providing services under a 180-day program for Brown County youth which provides a programming foundation for expanding services. Brown County's efforts to provide this option to the region are supported by this agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Krebsbach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Joseph Krebsbach, Director



Fond du Lac County

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Brown County Health & Human Services
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September 17, 2019

Dear Mr. Pritzl,

Fond du Lac County is providing this letter to Brown County Health & Human Services in support of the application for funding for construction of a new facility which includes a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY) and a Secure Detention. We are aware Brown County has applied for the grant to provide a valuable service to meet both the short-term and long-term needs of children and youth in the region. By having a facility in the region, children and youth can maintain connections with their families, supports and communities and our agency can coordinate services to transition youth back to their home communities.

Brown County's proposal to provide a 24-bed SRCCCY and a 32-bed Secure Detention facility is an effort to provide the services needed. Our agency is aware of the risks of operating a facility of this type and size, and understands the daily rate will range from \$550-\$685 per day depending on utilization, census and the needs of the youth. Meeting the requirements of applicable Wisconsin Administrative Codes and Statutes will require a staffing level and supportive services to support the estimated rate. We have our own county secure detention and would likely not place youth in Brown County secure detention however if a youth would require the more intensive setting of an SRCCCY we would choose the Brown County facility. At this point it would be estimated we would place 1 youth per year in an SRCCCY.

While many counties provide services with a goal of diverting youth from a correctional environment, there are situations where the needs of the youth and the safety of the community support an intervention such as placement in this type of facility. Brown County has been providing services under a 180-day program for Brown County youth which provides a programming foundation for expanding services. Brown County's efforts to provide this option to the region are supported by this agency.

Sincerely,

Patricia Lancour, Director
Fond du Lac County Dept. of Social Services

October 16, 2019

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHING A BROWN COUNTY
SECURE RESIDENTIAL CARE CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
(24 SECURE RESIDENTIAL BEDS AND 32 SECURE DETENTION BEDS)**

WHEREAS, Brown County, like many other counties in North-Eastern Wisconsin, currently sends many of its children and youth in need of secure residential placement or secure detention placement to State of Wisconsin (State) facilities that are located far away from family and other local support structures; and

WHEREAS, the State has indicated through legislative action its intent to close both State operated youth correctional facilities (Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake) by July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State has also indicated through legislative action that it is the public policy of the State to assist counties in designing and constructing secured residential care centers for children and youth and attached juvenile detention facilities; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists an opportunity for Brown County to construct and operate a Secure Residential Care Center for Children and Youth (SRCCCY), with 24 secure residential beds and 32 secure detention beds, on land in Brown County that Brown County currently owns, in order to provide necessary secure placement for its own children and youth, as well as for children and youth located in other North-Eastern Wisconsin counties; and

WHEREAS, Brown County has applied for State grant funding to construct a Brown County SRCCCY (see attached Brown County SRCCCY Proposal dated July 1, 2019), in which the State would pay for 95% of the total construction costs, and Brown County would pay for the remaining 5% of the total construction costs, as well as for operational costs which Brown

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County would endeavor to recoup from costs and fees charged to other counties for providing placement and services to their children and youth, as well as from savings Brown County would realize through otherwise incurred transport, placement and services costs and fees; and

WHEREAS, the current rough estimate for construction costs is \$43,032,000.00, and the current rough estimate for operational costs is \$7,200,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, benefits to be realized by Brown County constructing and operating its own SRCCCY include an estimated 43 local jobs being created, family and local support services being maintained for these Brown County children and youth, and local services and programming being provided by Brown County to help successfully transition these children and youth back into their local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brown County Board of Supervisors hereby supports constructing and operating a SRCCCY in Brown County to serve the North-Eastern Wisconsin area child and youth population in order to help address this former obligation of the State, as generally described above in this Resolution and in the attached July 19, 2019 Grant Proposal, so long as construction, ownership and operational related issues are adequately resolved to Brown County's satisfaction, such as: 1) More definitely determining actual construction and operational costs; 2) Determining whether the State would accept ownership of the land the structure would sit on as part or all of the required 5% matching funds Brown County would need to contribute; and 3) Determining what the State's commitment will be to Brown County going forward regarding any potential future operational losses.

Fiscal Note: This resolution does not require an appropriation from the General Fund, because it is a general sense resolution supporting Brown County's general position of constructing and operating a SRCCCY. Prior to formal approval being granted to establish the SRCCCY, additional approvals will be required and more precise construction and operational costs will need to be determined along with identifying funding sources.

Respectfully submitted,
 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Approved By:

 TROY STRECKENBACH
 COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date Signed: _____

Authored by: Corporation Counsel at the Direction of Human Services/Executive Committees
 Approved by: Corporation Counsel

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ROLL CALL # _____

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Seconded by Supervisor _____

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EVANS	9				
VANDER LEEST	10				
BUCKLEY	11				
LANDWEHR	12				
DANTINNE, JR	13				

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