



2026 BUDGET COMPROMISE PROPOSAL: Sub 1 Fact Sheet

2025 RES-174, Sub 1 — pending county board action
(Unanimously approved by the Personnel & Finance Committee on Oct. 30, 2025)

Purpose

- **Balances priorities:** Represents a fiscally responsible, values-driven compromise that allows Dane County to focus on critical community needs, and ensures public safety operations remain funded and sustainable with the limited resources available.
- **Reflects compromise:** Developed collaboratively among supervisors after hearing input from community members across Dane County.

Public Safety and Justice Highlights

- Achieves required savings through **\$2.38 million in salary-savings budgeting** tied to existing vacancies; **avoids position eliminations**.
- Maintains all vacant Deputy I–II positions.
- Approach realizes salary savings based on historical vacancy rates and protects the county’s ability to staff the new jail safely as recruitment improves.
- Restores three justice support positions, a Clerk III position for the Deferred Prosecution Program in the District Attorney’s Office and two Clerk III positions for the General Court Support Program in the Clerk of Courts, to reduce caseload delays.

Human Services and Community Investments

- **Reinvests in core supports:** housing, shelter, food security, and behavioral health.
- **Reduces the additional 4% cut to POS agencies to 1%** stabilizing agencies that help the most vulnerable members of our community.
- Increases shelter funding for the new men’s facility, winter overflow, and family hotel sheltering.
- Restores a Regional Housing Assistant position to coordinate affordable-housing development across Dane County municipalities.

Fiscal Impact

- Reallocates funds within existing resources rather than increasing spending or taxes.
- Keeps GPR spending flat compared to the Executive Budget Proposal with approximately \$825 million in expenditures, a tax rate of \$2.48 per \$1,000 of Equalized Value, and a 1.29% levy increase (amounts to an increase of \$15.23 on the average Madison home currently valued at \$481,300).

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