

# Supervisor Clancy: Calls for shifting a total of nearly \$12 million from law enforcement to human needs

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MILWAUKEE – Supervisor Ryan Clancy has proposed shifting a total of nearly \$12 million in funding from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) to support Milwaukee County programs and services that meet the human needs of county residents.

*"We spend far too much of our precious and ever-dwindling revenues on law enforcement and not nearly enough on meeting the urgent and pressing needs of our neighbors," said Clancy.*

Clancy authored 18 amendments to the 2021 Milwaukee County budget that would build upon the \$1.3 million reduction in the Sheriff's budget included in the County Executive's proposal.

Clancy introduced [the first 15 of his amendments](#) to shift about \$2.6 million from the MCSO to other departments and divisions on October 29. The Finance Committee recommended rejection of all but one of those, a measure that allocates \$37,584 to convert five unpaid Animal Care intern positions at the Zoo to paid positions.

At the November 4 meeting of the Finance Committee, Clancy proposed an additional [two amendments](#) that would shift a combined \$8.5 million to a contingency account for unanticipated events such as departmental shortfalls.

A [third amendment](#) proposed \$78,000 for a new position of Senior Center Manager. Even though all three measures failed in committee, Supervisors will still have an opportunity to consider them on [Monday](#).

Clancy's proposals to redirect \$12 million from the MCSO to human needs reflect [the demands of community groups](#) which have called for a 25% reduction in spending on law enforcement.

Clancy's proposed mechanism for increasing funding to services and infrastructure enjoys wide public support: Over 70% of the respondents to the county's Balancing Act Budget Tool indicated that they wanted additional funding for human needs to come from the MCSO and 25% of respondents wanted funding to come from additional debt.

At the Board of Supervisors annual public hearing on the budget in October, 78% of those who spoke, or 32 people, directly addressed the MCSO budget. Among those individuals, 94% were in favor of cuts to the budget; only 6% (two people) were opposed.