

Community Supervision Funding

Closing the gap: Ensuring full funding for Effective Community Supervision

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The Council of State Governments on Justice Reinvestment in Minnesota reported that the inadequate and inequitable funding in Minnesota had led to poor outcomes, increased revocations, and had created geographic disparities prior to the implementation of the revised 2023 funding formula.

Existing funding gap for the delivery of core supervision services:

\$12,662,000

A workload study conducted in 2022 by the American Probation and Parole Association and Abt Associates confirmed that caseloads in Minnesota are too high, compromising effective supervision and risk management. Without the necessary resources, supervision staff cannot dedicate the time required to reduce the risk of reoffending. The current gap in funding directly leads to fewer services, higher caseloads, and an increased risk to public safety.

Cannot eliminate county fees without fully funding the formula at \$156 million.

If fees are eliminated without full funding to replace them it will negate the gains from the original appropriation, create several counties who will lose money compared to the previous formula, and only exacerbate counties increasing concerns about the sustainability of county-based community supervision.




Why Full Funding is Needed Before MRRA Implementation?

With the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA) set to increase the number of individuals transitioning from incarceration to community supervision, counties must be fully funded to ensure a successful reentry process. Supervision agencies will face increased caseloads, requiring additional staffing, housing supports, mental health and substance use treatment, and employment resources to ensure individuals have the stability needed to reduce recidivism. Without full funding, counties will struggle to manage this influx effectively, jeopardizing public safety and undermining the goals of MRRA. Investing in community supervision now ensures that these individuals receive the structured support necessary for successful reintegration, ultimately benefiting communities statewide.

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