



Dane County Board of Supervisors

Monthly Update

November 2019

County Board approves 2020 budget

With an operating budget of \$593.7 million, and a capital budget at \$69.6 million, the county's total budget for 2020 is \$663 million. The board prioritized mental health, affordable housing, alcohol and drug addiction prevention, homeless prevention services, access to food, climate change and criminal justice.

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County support for affordable housing

The Board looked at six affordable housing projects that will create 559 new housing units, with 461 units priced for those meeting income, age or disability guidelines. It will be funded by the county's Affordable Housing Development Fund. A recent report found Dane County has a severe affordable housing gap, with thousands of residents holding steady jobs or seniors living on fixed incomes paying more than 30 percent of their income on rent. The report also found that 33 percent of renters here were unable to afford a two-bedroom apartment at market rates.

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Behavioral health care system needs assessment

The board heard a presentation of the Behavioral Health Study Needs Assessment that was completed by Public Consulting Group. PCG provided recommendations to improve the availability and accessibility of behavioral health care. They had a total of seven recommendations, including maximizing capacity, establishing formal relationships between providers and facilities, developing additional services to reduce gaps in care and others.

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