

Safer Wisconsin Legislative Package

Program	Estimated Cost	Program Description	Previous Legislation
<b>Strengthening Community Trust and Preventing Crime</b>			
Grant Program for Community Policing and Community Prosecutors	\$ 20,000,000	New grant program administered by DOJ to allow local units of government to invest in community policing and community prosecutors	
Grant Program for Violence Prevention Services	\$ 10,000,000	Grant funding to allow local governments and non-profit groups to provide violence prevention services	Similar to 2021 AB 458/2021 SB 442
Additional funding for Re-Entry Programs (Becky Young Fund)	\$ 10,000,000	Provides general funding for re-entry programs administered by DOC	
Additional Funding for Crime Victim Services	\$ 10,000,000	DOJ administered grant program to support victim services programs	
Additional Funding for Victim Witness Services	\$ 6,500,000	Additional GPR funding to reimburse counties for costs of providing victim witness services	
Additional Funding for Law Enforcement Specialized Training	\$ 2,000,000	Additional funding to allow DOJ to provide/reimburse law enforcement specialized training	
State Funding for DOJ Office of School Safety (OSS)	\$ 1,870,000	Provides additional state funding for OSS, which currently relies on federal grant funding for many positions and programs, including the Speak Up Speak Out tipline	
Additional Law Enforcement Training Positions	\$ 263,200	Funding for two DOJ positions, one focused on officer wellness and the other on implicit bias and procedural justice	
State Funding for DOJ Safe at Home Program	\$ 360,300	State funding for the Safe at Home address confidentiality program, which currently relies on federal funding	
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Task Force Support	\$ 262,400	Additional positions at DOJ to support work being done to help fight the abduction, homicide, violence, and trafficking of Indigenous women in Wisconsin	
<b>Keeping guns out of the hands of people who've been shown to be dangerous</b>			
Expanded Background Checks		Expands background checks for firearm transfers	2021 AB 637/2021 SB 624
Extreme Risk Protection Orders		Creates a court process for extreme risk protection orders to temporarily remove firearms from individuals who are a risk to themselves or others	2021 AB 638
Changes Relating to the Background Check Process		Makes the background check process more efficient in certain cases, increases DOJ's authority to provide information about background checks to law enforcement, and authorizes DOJ to inform NICS of final transaction status of background checks	Includes 2019 AB 334/2019 Senate Bill 376
Prohibiting "Ghost Guns"		Prohibits the manufacture, transportation, sale, possession, and carrying of ghost guns	2021 AB 469/2021 SB 461
Increasing Felony Classification for Repeat Straw Purchase and Felon-in-Possession Offenses		Increases repeat straw purchase and felon-in-possession offenses from a Class G felony to a Class F felony	
<b>Addressing Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Crises</b>			

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Additional Funding for Mental Health and Substance Use Programs	\$ 10,000,000	Additional funding to DHS for mental health and substance use grants and programs, including peer-run respite centers and substance use treatment programs	
Additional Funding for Diversion Programs	\$ 15,000,000	Additional Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program funding to support treatment and diversion programs in communities across the state	
Resources for TAD Program Technical Assistance and Program Evaluation	\$ 853,600	Five additional DOJ positions for TAD program administration, including technical assistance for local programs and data collection, evaluation, and analysis	
Mental Health and Veterans Courts		Statutory change to allow TAD program funding to be used for mental health and veterans courts	
Investment in Crisis Response	\$ 14,750,000	Additional grant funding to support programs that improve the response to individuals experiencing mental health crises, including programs that utilize behavioral health care providers or social workers (brings total funding for program to \$15 million over the biennium)	
State Funding for Non-Violent Offender Treatment Diversion Program	\$ 522,000	Providing funding that legislature declined to include in 2021-2023 state budget	
Extension of DOJ Regional Drug Prosecutors	\$ 600,000	Positions currently set to expire 4/10/23 without extension	2017 WI Act 261
Decriminalizing Fentanyl Test Strips		Removes fentanyl testing strips from definition of "drug paraphernalia"	2021 AB 619/2021 SB 600
<b><i>Holding Offenders Accountable</i></b>			
Updating Obstruction of Justice Statutes		Updates obstruction of justice statutes to include additional acts that improperly interfere with investigations or other governmental or legal proceedings	
Sexual Assault Kit Reform		Creates statutory timeframe for the collection, submission, and storage of sexual assault kits	2021 AB 67/2021 SB 71
Extending DNA Tolling Statute		Resets the statute of limitations at the time a person is implicated in the commission of a felony by DNA evidence	
Toxicologist Positions	\$ 468,800	Additional toxicologist positions at the State Crimes Laboratories	
State Fraud Scheme Statute		Permits charging of a fraud scheme, as opposed to (or in addition to) charging individual theft by fraud or a series of thefts as one offense	
Hate Crime Hotline Staffing, Data Collection, and Reporting	\$ 1,182,800	Creates an internet/telephone-based hate crime hotline at DOJ and requires additional data collection and reporting	
Grants for Law Enforcement Recruitment, Retention, and Wellness	\$ 10,000,000	New grant program administered by DOJ to support programs that promote officer recruitment, retention, and wellness	
Additional DOJ Resources to Combat Violent Crime	\$ 967,200	Four new positions to focus on violent crime, including two Assistant Attorneys General and two Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agents	
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