

Subject Providing alternatives to incarceration funding to Mower County

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Overview

In 2017, the legislature passed several provisions to address situations where a person identified as a nonviolent controlled substance offender violated the conditions of probation or supervised release in a way that did not include the commission of a new crime. The changes sought to increase the use of chemical dependency treatment programs and other community options as an alternative to placing the person in jail or prison. The 2017 legislation included a grant program and the first grant was awarded to Anoka County to provide probation services to individuals that met the qualifications. In 2021, the program was expanded and codified in statute. Anoka County has continued to receive funding. Wright County began to receive funding in late 2021 and Crow Wing County began receiving funding in January 2022. The Department of Corrections oversees the grants and issues an annual report.

This bill would award an alternatives to incarceration grant to Mower County.

Summary

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| 1 | Alternatives to incarceration pilot program; appropriation.
Appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the general fund in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 to the commissioner of corrections for Mower County to facilitate access to community treatment options under the alternatives to incarceration program. |
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