



## Probation Fees and Intensive Supervised Release

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### Legal History of Probation Fees



- Counties authorized to assess probation fees in 2008. (M.S. 609.101)
- Probation Fees need to be eliminated by August 1, 2029 (M.S. 244.173)
- Counties need to develop a written plan for phasing out probation fees to the DOC by August 1, 2025 (M.S. 244.173)

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## 2022 Fee Reductions



After a presentation at GGP, Community Corrections modified the probation fee Schedule:

- Eliminated fees for those who qualified for a public defender
- Eliminated fees for those returning to the community from prison
- Eliminated the double fees for transfer clients



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## Probation Fee Budget



- 2023:
  - Probation Fee Budget: \$580,000
  - Probation Fee Actual: \$413,079.78
- 2024:
  - Probation Fee Budget: \$485,000,
  - Probation Fee Actual: \$355,169.54
- 2025:
  - Probation Fee Budget: \$485,000
  - Probation Fee Actual (Jan 1-May 16): \$105,172.02



Dakota County costs to collect probation fees = \$82,600.

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## Recommendation



- Community Corrections continues to assess probation fees until August 1, 2029, which is the latest allowed by the statute.
- Community Corrections is authorized to send the letter outlining our fee elimination plan to the DOC.

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