

Eliminates fees

As part of Hennepin County's disparity reduction initiative, the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR) is eliminating fees charged to adult* clients.

Lifting this financial burden allows clients to direct their money to things that create stability in their lives, like rent, transportation, and food. With a stable foundation, people are more able to focus on working with probation officers and treatment providers. In turn, removing fee collection from the duties of probation officers allows them to better focus on helping clients meet rehabilitative goals while on probation. It also means clients have immediate access to probation programs and services since there is no delay based on their ability to pay for them.

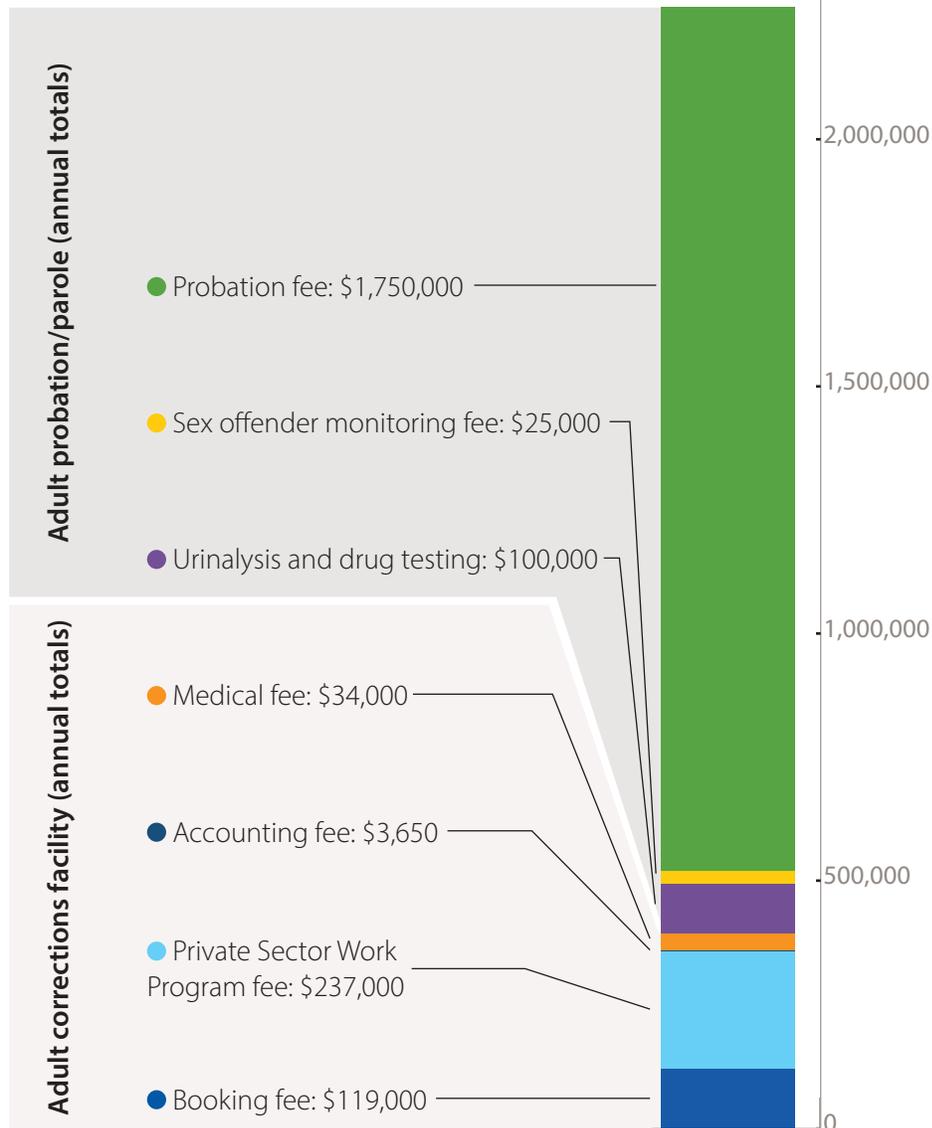
This change decreases barriers to success, which reduces recidivism and helps clients better meet their responsibilities.

Over the long term, when clients are successful, public safety increases and the cost burden on the community decreases.

*Hennepin County DOCCR has never assessed fees for juveniles under supervision.

By the numbers

Since 2019, the department has **eliminated more than \$2.27 million in annual fees** previously charged to people on probation or in the adult corrections facility.



The most significant elimination was the Probation Fee. This was a required payment for every new probation case. Because probation is involuntary and the government is required to provide the service, the charge has long been the subject of scrutiny – both locally and nationally. Removing this fee was a significant step toward disparity reduction in the criminal justice system.

