

2027 Critical Needs Department of Community Resources

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Department's Strategic Plan Goals

Pretrial Services supports community safety by providing information to the judicial system for release decisions and supervising defendants released on Personal Recognizance bonds.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Maintain the court-ordered monitoring capability that supports pretrial compliance and community safety.

SERVICE QUALITY

Preserve timely, consistent testing and coordination between Justice Services, Public Health and the courts.

COMMUNITY TRUST

Use a cost-effective County partnership while maintaining reliable service for the judicial system and defendants.



Critical Need

Pretrial Services Court-Ordered Testing Program \$23,909

\$23,909

2027 Critical Need

2024 HISTORICAL CONTEXT

1,306

Defendants ordered for sobriety
monitoring

6,770

Alcohol Tests Administered

4,995

Drug Tests Administered

PURPOSE

Provide the additional operational funding needed to sustain court-ordered drug and alcohol testing through the existing partnership with El Paso County Public Health.

- Supports increased demand for court-ordered testing services
- Maintains partnership with El Paso County Public Health
- Ensures compliance and continuity of pretrial requirements
- Maintains a reliable tool for monitoring court-ordered conditions
- **Risk if not funded:** inability to meet court requirements and potential public-safety impacts



Cost & Operational Justification

\$118,809

Annual cost for El Paso County Public Health to provide Pretrial Services monitoring

\$94,900

Current Budget for El Paso County Public Health to provide Pretrial Services monitoring

Justification for Need

Testing Volume Increase Since 2025

Alcohol Testing	8.3%
Drug Testing	18.7%

Total Volume represented for 2027's Additional Funding Request

Drug Tests	5,290
Alcohol Tests	6,998



Why the Current Model Works

El Paso County Public Health currently provides:

Same-day or timely testing

Automated randomization

Intake-violation notifications

Participant photo or identification verification

Direct coordination with Justice Services and the courts

Testing without appointments or changes to existing bond orders

Some private providers reviewed would require appointments, additional administrative coordination or changes to court and bond language.

The Public Health model combines the lowest drug-testing price reviewed with operational capabilities that several private alternatives could not fully replicate.



Expected Outcomes & Measures

CONTINUITY

Maintain capacity to carry out court-ordered drug and alcohol testing.

COMPLIANCE

Support monitoring of conditions ordered by the court.

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Preserve randomization, identification verification, violation notification, and coordination functions currently integrated with Public Health.

COST STEWARDSHIP

Continued use of Public Health provides cost-effective sobriety monitoring services, including client intake, screening, and notification of violations.

\$23,909

2027 Critical Need Request

\$94,900

Current Sobriety Monitoring Budget

\$118,809

Annual cost for Public Health to provide Pretrial monitoring services.

1,306

HISTORICAL WORKLOAD CONTEXT

Defendants ordered for sobriety monitoring in 2024



Base Budget & Critical Needs

Description	2027 Base Budget	2027 Critical Needs	2027 PBB
Environmental Services	411,346		411,346
Pretrial Services	988,081	23,909	1,011,990
Justice Services	223,648		223,648
Veteran Services	1,173,030		1,173,030
Community Resources	2,796,105	23,909	2,820,014

Funding Request for 2027:

Pre-Trial Court Ordered Testing Program \$23,909 ongoing





Questions?

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