

Sarpy County
UNFUNDED MANDATES & SERVICES PROVIDED TO STATE OF NEBRASKA
Fiscal 2022

Category	Office/Department	Description	Amount
Autopsy Costs	County Attorney	Added due to inclusion on NACO survey list	\$353,985
Court Costs	Courtroom Security	Sarpy County is required to provide security in all courtrooms. This includes sworn deputies, civilian security officers and various security equipment.	\$3,125,354
	Juvenile Judge	The Sarpy County Juvenile Court Judges are State employees. Sarpy County is required to pay for a bailiff for each judge along with a file clerk and a part-time receptionist. Sarpy County also pays for Court Appointed Attorneys, evaluations and supplies. Legislation regarding Court Appointed Attorney and Guardian Ad Litem fees caused the Attorney Fees line item in this budget to increase over the past few years.	\$805,786
	District Judge	The Sarpy County District Court Judges are State employees. Sarpy County is required to pay for a bailiff for each judge and for a law clerk that is shared by the judges. Sarpy County also pays for expenses such as Court Appointed Counsel, law library costs, supplies, computers and furniture.	\$704,485
	Courtrooms	Sarpy County is required to provide courtrooms for each County, Juvenile and District Courts including custodial services and utilities. At a square foot cost of \$20, the annual cost of these spaces are estimated as follows: County Court: 11,553 square feet - \$231,060 Juvenile Court: 4,190 square feet - \$83,800 District Court: 14,545 square feet - \$290,900	\$605,760
	District Courts	Added due to inclusion on NACO survey list; last square footage obtained (November 2021, pending 2022 updates) was 6,211 square foot. Multiply times \$20 per square foot	\$124,220
	County Court	All County Court staff are employees of the State of Nebraska. Sarpy County is required to provide an operating budget (all costs less staffing) for this office.	\$86,624
	County Court	The Sarpy County Court is required to remit certain court costs to the State. If those fees cannot be collected from defendants involved, the County is required to provide funds for those fees. Fees include, but are not limited to: Filing Fees, Judges Retirement and Law Enforcement Improvement Fund.	\$70,162
	County Court Clerk	Sarpy County is required to provide 3,436 square feet of space for this department including all custodial services and utilities. At a square foot cost of \$20, the value of this space is estimated at \$68,720.	\$68,720
Defense Costs	Indigent Defense - Adults	Added due to inclusion on NACO survey list	\$2,268,273
	Indigent Defense - Juvenile	Added due to inclusion on NACO survey list	\$547,048
Document Costs	Register of Deeds	The Sarpy County Register of Deeds office does nearly all of the work required to file land records in the County, yet is required to send a majority of the documentary stamp tax collected to the State.	\$4,060,811
Grand Jury	Grand Jury Costs	Added due to inclusion on NACO survey list	\$0
Health & Human Services	Health & Human Services	Department of Health and Human Services staff are State employees. Sarpy County is required to provide at least 4,000 square feet at no charge, including custodial service and utilities.	\$69,834
Jail Costs	Jail	Sarpy County houses prisoners on behalf of the State of Nebraska. Effective with the passage of LB 383, Sarpy County no longer receives any reimbursement for the housing of State prisoners. For the first quarter ending 9/30/2010 Sarpy County received a payment of \$97,755, which was based on a rate of \$35/day, which equates to 2,793 prisoner days per quarter or 11,172 prisoner days per year. The true cost of holding a state prisoner as calculated in the County's Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for the 2022 FY is \$210.06 per day. The 11,172 prisoner days multiplied by a daily rate of \$210.06 equals an annual cost of \$2,346,790. Please note that total prisoner days for the 2022 FY was 40,802.	\$2,346,790
Law Enforcement Costs	Law Enforcement Training Center	Due to insufficient State funding for the LETC and a delay in enrolling recruits at the LETC, Sarpy County and several other jurisdictions started their own Law Enforcement Training Academy at County and City expense. These costs are offset somewhat by not having to pay for mileage to Grand Island and for meals at the LETC.	\$32,500
Other	Insufficient Fees	Almost all of the fees charged by County offices are set by State Statute. Many of these fees fall short of generating sufficient revenues to cover the cost of providing the required services. A few (not all inclusive) examples are: Service Fees - Writs, Warrants, etc - Sheriff Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees - Sheriff	\$\$\$
	Jail	LB 605 was passed by the Legislature in 2015. This bill changes sentencing guidelines used by the judges and will result in some prisoners being sentenced to County Jail that formerly would have been sentenced to the State Penitentiary. In addition, the bill provides that State probation officers can recommend time in County Jail as a sanction for violation of probation. It is felt that this bill has resulted in an increase in the cost of housing prisoners, although the exact monetary impact is difficult to determine. As a result of LB605, Sarpy County did receive grants totaling \$118,160, however, none of these funds can be used to offset the increasing cost of housing prisoners.	\$\$\$
Probation Costs	Adult Probation	Sarpy County is required to provide 7,140 square feet of space for this department for offices and drug testing including all custodial services and utilities. At a square foot cost of \$20, the annual cost of this space is estimated at \$142,800.	\$142,800
	Juvenile Probation	Sarpy County is required to provide 2,802 square feet of space for this department including all custodial services and utilities. At a square foot cost of \$20, the annual cost of this space is estimated at \$56,040. In addition, recent legislation added 6-8 new staff members to the Juvenile Probation Office and Sarpy County was compelled to rent an additional 3,800 square feet of office space at a cost of \$45,430 not including utilities and custodial.	\$102,874
	Adult Probation	Adult Probation staff are State employees. Sarpy County is required to provide an operating budget for this office.	\$78,959
	Juvenile Probation	Juvenile Probation staff are State employees. Sarpy County is required to provide an operating budget (all costs less staffing) for this office.	\$16,653
Property Tax	County Clerk	Postcard and postage fees to accommodate the passing of LB644	\$25,000
Total			\$ 15,636,637