

**401.02 COUNTIES OR REGIONS; SERVICES INCLUDABLE.**

Subdivision 1. **Qualification of counties.** One or more contiguous counties, having an aggregate population of 30,000 or more persons, may qualify for a grant as provided in section 401.01 by the enactment of appropriate resolutions creating and establishing a corrections advisory board, designating the officer or agency to be responsible for administering grant funds, and providing for the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the development, implementation and operation of the correctional services described in section 401.01, including the assumption of those correctional services, other than the operation of state facilities, presently provided in such counties by the department of corrections, and providing for centralized administration and control of those correctional services described in section 401.01.

Where counties combine as authorized in this section, they shall comply with the provisions of section 471.59.

Subd. 2. **Planning counties; advisory board members expenses.** To assist counties which have complied with the provisions of subdivision 1 and require financial aid to defray all or a part of the expenses incurred by corrections advisory board members in discharging their official duties pursuant to section 401.08, the commissioner may designate counties as "planning counties", and, upon receipt of resolutions by the governing boards of the counties certifying the need for and inability to pay the expenses described in this subdivision, advance to the counties an amount not to exceed five percent of the maximum quarterly subsidy for which the counties are eligible. The expenses described in this subdivision shall be paid in the same manner and amount as for state employees.

Subd. 3. **Establishment and reorganization of administrative structure.** Any county or group of counties which have qualified for participation in the community corrections subsidy program provided by this chapter may establish, organize, and reorganize an administrative structure and provide for the budgeting, staffing, and operation of court services and probation, construction or improvement to juvenile detention and juvenile correctional facilities and adult detention and correctional facilities, and other activities required to conform to the purposes of this chapter. No contrary general or special statute divests any county or group of counties of the authority granted by this subdivision.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1998 c 367 art 7 s 15]

Subd. 5. **Intermediate sanctions.** Unless the district court directs otherwise, county probation officers may require a person committed to the officer's care by the court to perform community work service for violating a condition of probation imposed by the court. Community work service may be imposed for the purpose of protecting the public, to aid the offender's

rehabilitation, or both. Probation officers may impose up to eight hours of community work service for each violation and up to a total of 24 hours per offender per 12-month period, beginning on the date on which community work service is first imposed. The chief executive officer of a community corrections agency may authorize an additional 40 hours of community work service, for a total of 64 hours per offender per 12-month period, beginning with the date on which community work service is first imposed. At the time community work service is imposed, probation officers are required to provide written notice to the offender that states:

- (1) the condition of probation that has been violated;
- (2) the number of hours of community work service imposed for the violation; and
- (3) the total number of hours of community work service imposed to date in the 12-month period.

An offender may challenge the imposition of community work service by filing a petition in district court. An offender must file the petition within five days of receiving written notice that community work service is being imposed. If the offender challenges the imposition of community work service, the state bears the burden of showing, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the imposition of community work service is reasonable under the circumstances.

Community work service includes sentencing to service.

**History:** 1973 c 354 s 2; 1975 c 304 s 8; 1977 c 392 s 9; 1979 c 102 s 13; 1980 c 509 s 156; 1980 c 614 s 146; 1982 c 559 s 2-4; 1983 c 274 s 18; 1985 c 220 s 8,9; 1986 c 444; 1992 c 511 art 9 s 13; 1992 c 571 art 11 s 11; 1993 c 326 art 10 s 10; 1995 c 244 s 9; 1998 c 367 art 7 s 8