



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/19/2025

File #: 25-964

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: 4/5th

SUBJECT:

Supplemental Budget and Fixed Asset for Humboldt County Correctional Facility for a Recreation Yard Contraband Barriers in the Amount of \$120,000 (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a supplemental budget and establish a fixed asset in the amount of \$120,000 for the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF) (1100-243) for Recreation Yard Contraband Barriers in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 (Attachment 1) (4/5 Vote Required).

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board's Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

DISCUSSION:

On July 16, 2025 a proposal (Attachment 2) was submitted and approved by the Humboldt County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) AB109 Funding Committee in the amount of \$120,000 for the purpose of implementing contraband barriers on all the recreation yards at the HCCF.

A significant amount of those incarcerated suffer from some form of addiction. Correctional facilities face a systemic problem of those who are incarcerated attempting to get illegal substances into the facility. While the facility has several safeguards in place it may still happen. One of the places that is a potential conduit is through the recreation yards. Over the years inmates have discovered ways of tying material into long lines and then dropping them through the small holes in the recreation yard screens. These lines are then lowered to the ground where someone can place something on the line to be retrieved.

In order to combat this problem a prototype barrier was designed and installed on a small portion of a recreation yard. This prototype is metal with grooves in it that catch any contraband line as its being pulled up and prevent anything from successfully being retrieved. This was tested and verified to be successful. With the prevalence of fentanyl in the drug community and the associated risks it is more important than ever to prevent drugs from getting into HCCF.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Humboldt County Community Corrections Partnership AB109 Funding

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Expenditures (1100,243)	FY23-24
Budgeted Expenses	<u>\$0</u>
Additional Appropriation Requested	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$120,000.00</u>

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

Funding Sources (1100,243)	FY23-24
General Fund	<u>\$0</u>
Use of CCP Fund Balance (3741)	<u>\$120,000.00</u>
Total Funding Sources	<u>\$120,000.00</u>

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The CCP Committee has approved the use of \$120,000 from the AB109 Funding for the installation of the recreation yard contraband barriers. This expenditure was not anticipated in the FY 2025-26 budget. The attached supplemental budget for 1100-243 will allow HCCF to be purchase and install the contraband barriers.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There are no impacts to staffing.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Public Works, Humboldt County Community Corrections Partnership Committee

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to not approve this recommendation, however that would not be in the best interest of the community as preventing drugs from getting into HCCF may save lives.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Supplemental Budget for HCCF

Attachment 2 - HCCF Proposal to CCP for Contraband Barriers

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: N/A

File No.: N/A