



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

REQUEST FOR ONE-TIME FUNDING TO INSTALL CONTRABAND BARRIERS ON HUMBOLDT COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY RECREATION ROOMS

June 25, 2025

Prepared For: The Humboldt County Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
Executive Committee

DESCRIPTION:

As the committee is aware, a significant percentage of people incarcerated in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF) suffer from drug addiction. Universally, correctional facilities face a systemic problem of those who are incarcerated attempting to devise ways to introduce drugs into the facility to continue their substance use. This includes attempting to bring drugs in or on their person and having drugs sent in through the mail. The HCCF uses both a body scanner and mail scanner to prevent these methods of drug introduction. The HCCF has also implemented a Medicated Assistance Treatment (MAT) program geared toward treating opioid addiction and preparing individuals for a successful re-entry into the community.

One identified method for accessing drug contraband that remains a concern is the act of "fishing" that occurs when incarcerated individuals coordinate with contacts in the community to arrange a delivery of controlled substances. They arrange a time, often after dark during their assigned recreation time, when their contact stands below our open-air recreation rooms. The incarcerated person will drop a "fishing line", typically made from string from jail-issued clothing or bedding, through the mesh screen to the person below, who attaches the contraband, packaged in a manner that will fit back through the mesh screen. The contraband is then pulled back into the recreation room and concealed for later use, often shared by multiple people within the housing unit.

When these efforts are successful, the risk of drug overdoses has always been concerning. However, with the rise in popularity of Fentanyl and the increased lethality associated with it, the need to address the issue is more critical than ever. Over the past few years, we have

experienced a significant increase in the use of Narcan to reverse the effects of drug overdose. Each potential overdose jeopardizes the safety of those incarcerated, while also exposing the County to liability if serious injury or death were to occur. And when drugs are introduced into the facility by one person, when it is shared multiple people are put at risk.

AB109 has led to longer sentences in county correctional facilities, often served by the very drug offenders that are most at risk in these situations. It is the goal of the Sheriff's Office to take every step possible to hinder these efforts and provide drug offenders the best chance at stabilization and recovery while incarcerated, and eliminating the recreation rooms as an avenue for the intake of drugs is another step in those efforts.

The HCCF has engaged Humboldt County Public Works in a project to install a contraband barrier affixed to the outside of the recreation room. This barrier would impede efforts to lower a "line" to the public below and also is designed to catch and break any line that happened to get past the barrier when it was pulled back up. We are requesting one-time funding from the CCP Committee to have these barriers fabricated and installed.

COST ANALYSIS OF THE FUNDS BEING ALLOCATED:

Attached is a Preliminary Cost Estimate prepared by Public Works after recently testing and installing a prototype model, which proved successful. This estimate would cover all six recreation rooms of the HCCF. While the preliminary cost estimate totals \$101,402.52, we ask the committee to approve for up to \$120,000 to account for unexpected costs or any inflation on supply or labor costs. The HCCF would only seek reimbursement on actual costs incurred during the project. If even one life is saved with the installation of these barriers, it is a small price to pay.

We appreciate the continued support of the CCP Executive Committee as we partner to make our facilities and our community a safer place. I thank the Committee for considering this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Griffin", with the number "1053" written to the right.

Dennis Griffin, Operations Lieutenant
Custody Service Bureau
Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

Attachments: Public Works Project #162915
Preliminary Cost Estimate – HCCF Rec Yard Deterrent Installation
Photographs of the Installed Prototype

Preliminary Cost Estimate - HCCF Rec Yard Deterrent Installation**Project #162915**

Facilities Construction Costs Estimates

Humboldt County Public Works

6/4/2025

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>% Adj.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stainless Steel Deterrent Component	10 EA	\$	1,580.00	100%	\$ 15,800.00
Anchor bolts	30 EA	\$	7.20	100%	\$ 216.00
Stainless Steel Field Welding	10 LF	\$	21.00	100%	\$ 210.00
Prep-Acid Cleanse	60 LF	\$	3.25	100%	\$ 195.00
Field Painting/Finishing	2 DAY	\$	910.00	100%	\$ 1,820.00
Sealant	1 LS	\$	750.00	100%	\$ 750.00
Articulating boom-60'	3 DAY	\$	338.00	100%	\$ 1,014.00
Subtotal					\$ 20,005.00
Labor upcharge		\$	20,005.00	5%	\$ 1,000.25
GC's		\$	21,005.25	12%	\$ 2,520.63
Location Factor		\$	23,525.88	16%	\$ 3,740.61
CCCI -June2025		\$	27,266.49	4%	\$ 1,090.66
Contingency - 10%		\$	28,357.15	10%	\$ 2,835.72
Total Estimated Construction Cost					\$ 31,192.87

Stainless Steel Deterrent Component	28 EA	\$	1,155.00	100%	\$ 32,340.00
Anchor bolts	84 EA	\$	7.20	100%	\$ 604.80
Misc. Fabrication	1 LS	\$	3,500.00	100%	\$ 3,500.00
Stainless Steel Field Welding	30 LF	\$	21.00	100%	\$ 630.00
Prep-Acid Cleanse	112 LF	\$	3.25	100%	\$ 364.00
Field Painting/Finishing	5 DAY	\$	910.00	100%	\$ 4,550.00
Scissor Lift	5 DAY	\$	192.00	100%	\$ 960.00
Articulating boom-60'	5 DAY	\$	338.00	100%	\$ 1,690.00
Subtotal					\$ 44,638.80
Labor upcharge		\$	11,694.00	5%	\$ 584.70
GC's		\$	45,223.50	12%	\$ 5,426.82
Location Factor		\$	50,650.32	16%	\$ 8,053.40
CCCI - June 25		\$	58,703.72	4%	\$ 2,348.15
Contingency - 10%		\$	61,051.87	10%	\$ 6,105.19
Bidding Administration + CA		\$	61,051.87	5%	\$ 3,052.59
Total Estimated Construction Cost					\$ 70,209.65

Notes:

1. This estimate is based on schematic information and includes costs that may vary based on further design.
2. In general, unit costs shown are taken from recent Facilities Construction costs and are escalated using values from the California Construction Cost Index.
3. Escalation costs are constantly accruing and will be updated accordingly as project proceeds.
4. Actual bid prices may vary from this estimate depending on a number of factors out of control of the County.



Image #1 - Prototype location



Image #2 - Prototype location



Image #3 - Prototype fit-up & install



Image #4 - Prototype install conditions