



HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

REQUEST FOR ONE-TIME FUNDING TO UPGRADE EXISTING BODY SCANNER

April 27, 2026

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 incarcerated attempting to find ways to introduce drugs into the facility to continue their substance use. This includes attempting to bring drugs in 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.

The biggest item responsible for preventing the introduction of drugs over the past several years has been the body scanner that this group provided funding for in 2016. Unfortunately, that body scanner is beginning to fail where its routinely offline or requiring a part to be delivered and installed to continue functioning.

When efforts to bring drugs into the facility 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 ability to conceal drugs in a body cavity upon entry into the facility is another step in those efforts.

The HCCF has received a quote from Soter RS for a system upgrade to our existing system. This, while costly, is far less than attempting to purchase a whole new machine which would cost between \$200,000 to \$250,0000.

COST ANALYSIS OF THE FUNDS BEING ALLOCATED:

Attached is a cost estimate for system upgrade in the amount of \$96,000.00. The HCCF is respectfully asking that this committee continue to support the potential life saving efforts of preventing drugs from coming into the facility.

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,

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Attachment: System Upgrade Proposal to Soter RS Body Scanner