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## County jails to get \$500 million to advance realignment goals

A committee of the Board of State and Community Corrections has recommended allocating \$500 million to 15 counties for upgrading local jails to include rehabilitative program space that meets Gov. Jerry Brown's prison and public safety realignment goals.

The successful counties have proposed the funding for a range of purposes including space for GED and substance abuse classes, day reporting centers for paroled offenders, transitional housing and upgraded jail bed space.

Thirty six counties submitted requests for funding that were ranked according to how closely they met the requirements of AB 109's landmark reform mandate to house and rehabilitate non-serious, non-violent, non-sexual offenders in their home communities. Realignment seeks to improve rehabilitation results by keeping offenders close to families and support systems. It includes constitutionally guaranteed funding for proven programs that support offenders' successful transition back into the community.

Under realignment, the state is investing hundreds millions of dollars in local rehabilitation and crime-prevention programs to continue to improve public safety in our communities. The impact of these investments will be measured over years as the programs develop.

The construction funding is a result of SB 1022, which provided for the issuance of lease revenue bonds to help finance the jail modifications needed to accommodate offenders who otherwise would have been sent to state prisons.

Many jails do not have classroom space for training and rehabilitation programs. SB 1022 specified that counties would be considered that are seeking to replace or upgrade outdated facilities and provide alternatives to incarceration, including mental health and substance treatment.

Construction projects deemed most ready to begin were more heavily weighted. Counties also were required to show they have set aside a minimum of 10 percent of the total project costs.

The proposed allocations announced today were decided by a BSCC executive steering committee following presentations in Sacramento Dec. 4-5. The recommendations will be considered at the Board of State and Community Corrections meeting Jan. 16, 2014 in Los Angeles.

The BSCC was established by 2012 legislation to serve as an independent body providing realignment leadership and technical assistance to the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems. (more)

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## The recommended counties are:

Tuolumne County: \$20 million for a new Type II (pre-trial) 198-bed facility with program service rooms, exercise yards, security control center, kitchen and laundry services, intake, medical, intake/release and staff support services.

Napa County: \$13,474,000 for a new Type IV work furlough facility with four 18-bed dorms each with counseling rooms, job search room and a warming/prep kitchen.

Kings County: \$20 million for a new Type II 24-bed mental health addition with a culinary service kitchen, vocational space, three program rooms and a day reporting center.

Shasta County: \$20 million for a new Type III, 64-bed detention dormitory style facility with space for behavioral programs, medical screening, interview/counseling room, intake and program space.

Lake County: \$20 million for a new Type II, 40-bed women's jail with a new stand alone 39-bed Medical/Mental Health Services building with program space, a new administration building, and renovations so that existing space can accommodate programs.

Tehama County: \$6.5 million toward a new Type II, 64-Bed jail and with a day reporting center and program space adjacent to the Tehama County Main Jail in Red Bluff.

Santa Cruz County: \$24,635,000 for a new Type III 64-bed transitional housing unit with dayroom, and to remodel existing space into program and vocational space equipped with audio/visual technology and security system upgrades.

Santa Barbara County: \$38,976,000 for a new Type II standalone jail with 228 minimum/medium security beds and treatment and program space for transitional re-entry.

Solano County: \$23 million for new programming facility consisting of classrooms and space for mental health counseling and vocational training.

Tulare County: \$40 million to replace the existing Men's Correctional Facility and Day reporting center with a new Type II, 384-bed jail, day reporting center and vocational training center with program space in Visalia.

San Joaquin County: \$33.3 million toward a new Type II, standalone 384-bed facility with classrooms, vocational space, an education program center, interview rooms, medical exam room, library and administration.

San Mateo County: \$24,374,000 for renovation of the Maguire Correctional Facility with 46 special use beds, a mental health treatment center, mental health wellness pod, recreation yard, vocational training space and seismic upgrades.

Fresno County: \$79,194,000 to replace the South Annex with new Type II standalone multi-story 300-bed facility consisting of pod style housing, program space, medical/mental health services, video visitation and stand-alone laundry and storage building.

Orange County: \$80 million for a new standalone Type II facility with 384 beds, programming space, including a warehouse and maintenance structures adjacent to the AB 900 Phase II project at the JAMF site.

Sacramento County: \$56.4 million toward a Type II 26-bed medical and mental health treatment building, a kitchen, laundry, pharmacy and three new vocational/educational program buildings at the Rio Consumes Correctional Center.



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## BROADCAST VERSION

Fifteen California counties could share \$500 million to upgrade jails to meet Gov. Jerry Brown's landmark prison realignment goals if final approval is made next month.

Staff of the Board of State and Community Corrections made the announcement today following presentations from 36 counties earlier this month to an executive steering committee.

The funding from SB 1022 is to provide program classrooms and upgraded bed space as non-serious, non-violent, non-sexual offenders are held at the local level closer to their families and support systems.

Realignment seeks to improve rehabilitation results by providing constitutionally guaranteed funding for proven programs that support offenders' successful transition back into the community.

Many older jails do not have classroom space for rehabilitation programs such as substance abuse counseling and GED instruction.

SB 1022 provided for the issuance of lease revenue bonds to help finance the jail modifications needed to accommodate offenders that otherwise would have been sent to state prisons.

The recommendations are scheduled to be voted on at the Jan. 16 meeting of the Board of State and Community Corrections.

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