

FY 2022-23 Community Corrections Partnership Survey

Tuolumne County

CCP Membership

Dan Hawks Chief Probation Officer	Rebecca Espino Department of Social Services
Kevin Seibert Presiding Judge or designee	Tami Mariscal Department of Mental Health
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Cassandra Jenecke District Attorney	Tami Mariscal Alcohol and Substance Abuse Programs
Scott Gross Public Defender	Cathy Parker Head of the County Office of Education
Bill Pooley Sheriff	Vacant Community-Based Organization
Turu VanderWiel Chief of Police	Dixie Sky Victims' Interests

How often does the CCP meet?

Quarterly

How often does the Executive Committee of the CCP meet?

Quarterly

Does the CCP have subcommittees or working groups

Yes



Goals, Objectives, and Outcome Measures

FY 2021-22

Goal	Provide programs and services to Pretrial individuals
Objective	All eligible offenders will be assessed for Pretrial release
Objective	All Pretrial release offenders who provide a phone number will be enrolled in an automated reminder system
Objective	Suitable programs and services will be provided to Pretrial enrollees based on individualized risk and needs
Outcome Measure	Percentage of bookings with a completed Public Safety Assessments (PSA)
Outcome Measure	Percentage of enrollees in the court date automated reminder system
Outcome Measure	Type of monitoring, sanctions/incentives, and referrals to Community Based Organizations
Progress toward stated goal	Tuolumne County has a fully operational Pretrial Program funded through SB 129. In FY 21-22 the Probation Department had 900 Public Safety Assessments (PSA) referrals and completed 616 assessments. All offenders with a PSA and those who report to the Probation Department are assessed for risk/needs which determine the level of monitoring and/or referral to other agencies or Community Based Organizations. Additionally, all offenders with a phone number are enrolled in the automated reminder system for upcoming court dates.

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Outcome Measure	Establish an inmate run egg and poultry production program to supplement jail food services and local school cafeterias
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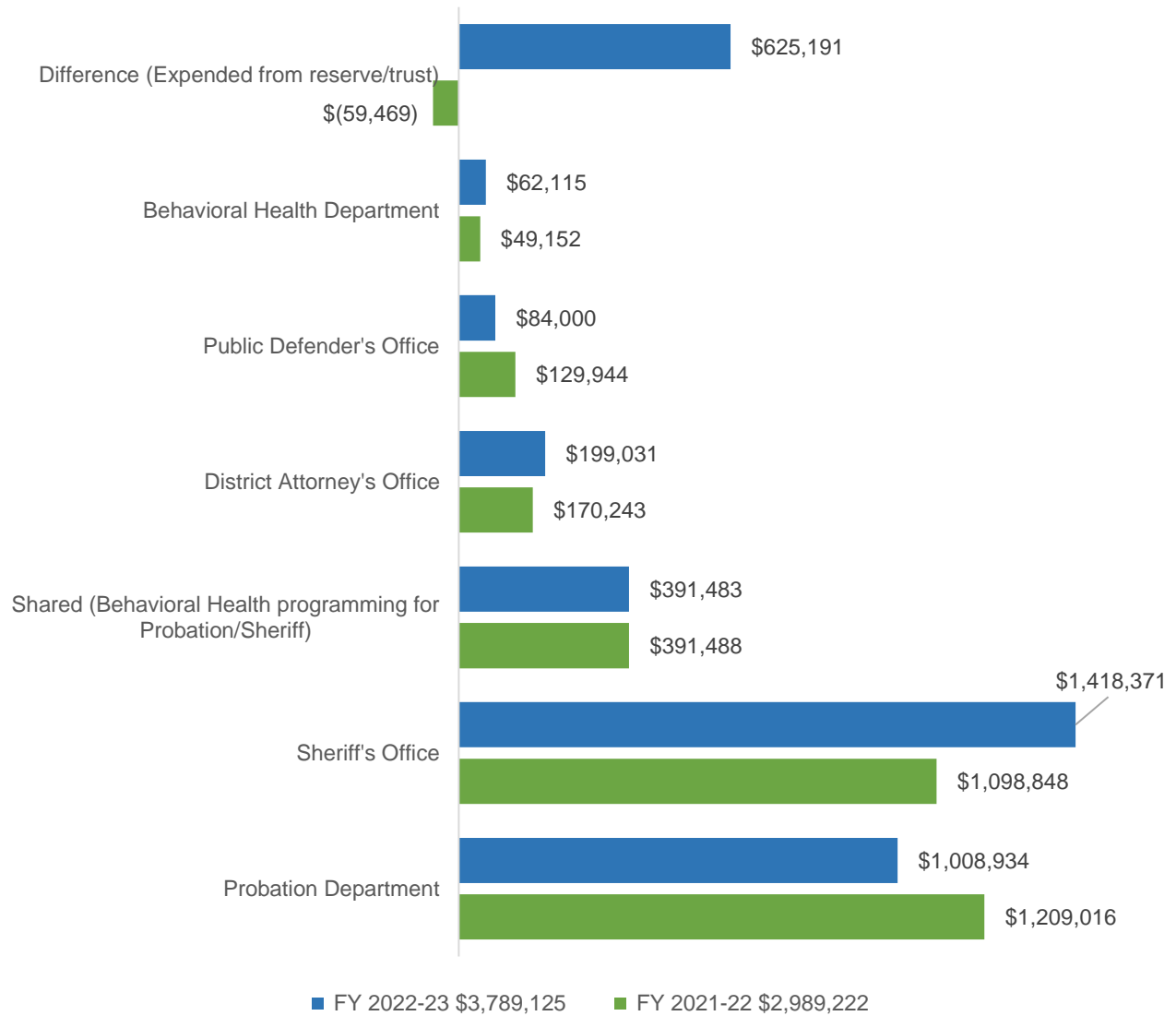
Progress Toward Stated Goal	The Behavioral Health Department was awarded \$2,500,000 in funding through the Department of State Hospitals to provide a Felony Pretrial Mental Health Diversion Program. The grant targets those who are deemed incompetent to stand trial who are accused of a felony charge and waiting to go to Napa state hospital. The objective is to divert such individuals from the state hospital system and restore competency while still remaining in the community. The Behavioral Health Department is coordinating with local justice partners and other organizations as they move into the implementation phase.
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Goal	Explore creation of Homeless Court to assist those who are homeless with a qualifying crime(s) through the court process
Objective	Identify population and offenses
Objective	Identify stakeholders
Objective	Establish criteria for participation
Progress Toward Stated Goal	The Tuolumne County Superior Court has participated in webinars and site visits with other fully operational Homeless Courts. The Tuolumne County Superior Court has expressed interest in implementing Homeless Court in Tuolumne County.

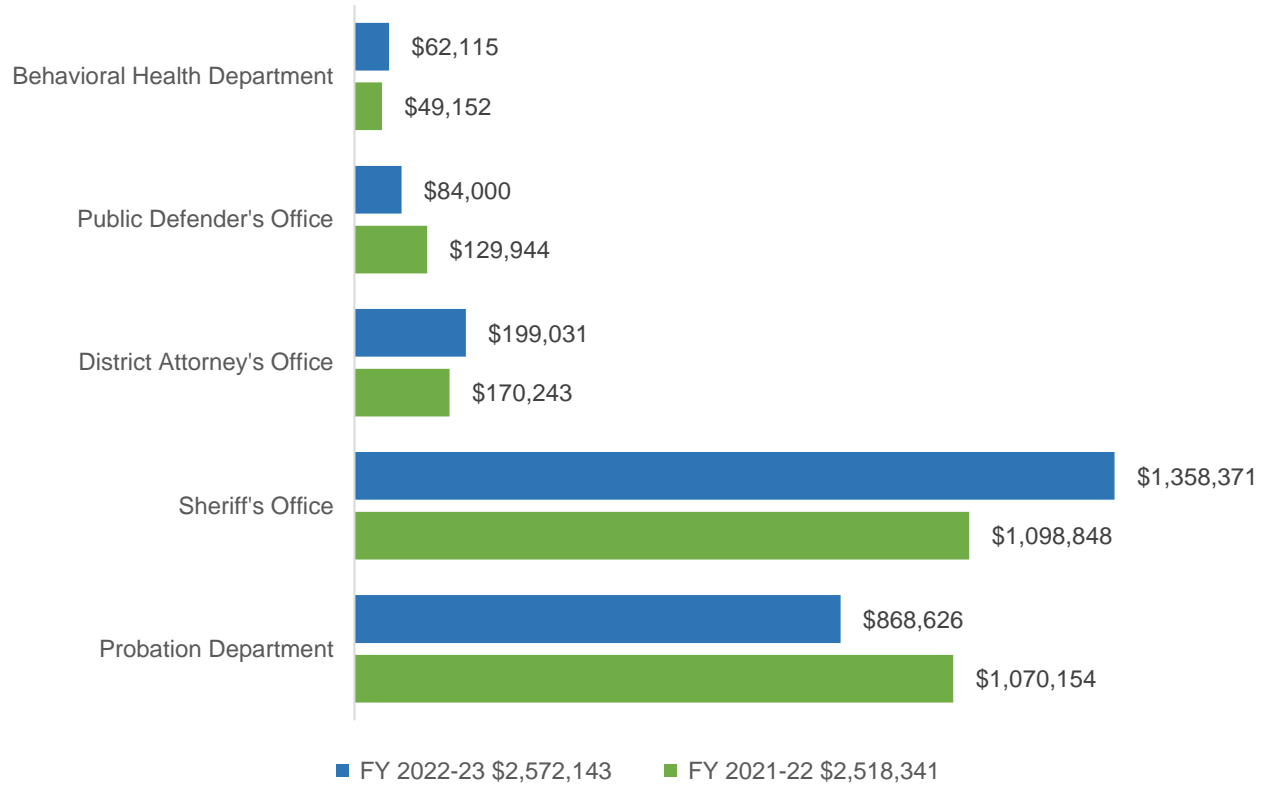
Goal	Improve ability to collect and report data to determine program effectiveness
Objective	Recruit/Hire staff
Objective	Trainings data analytics/software
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Outcome Measure	Hire staff
Outcome Measure	Attend training to improve data collection and reporting
Outcome Measure	Purchase data analytics/software as needed for data collection and reporting
Progress Toward Stated Goal	Currently, the Probation Staff Services Analyst position that provides data collection and reporting for the CCP is vacant. Once filled, the CCP hopes to improve data collection and reporting by enhancing training opportunities and investing in data collection software.

FY 2021-2022 and FY 2022-23 Allocation Comparison

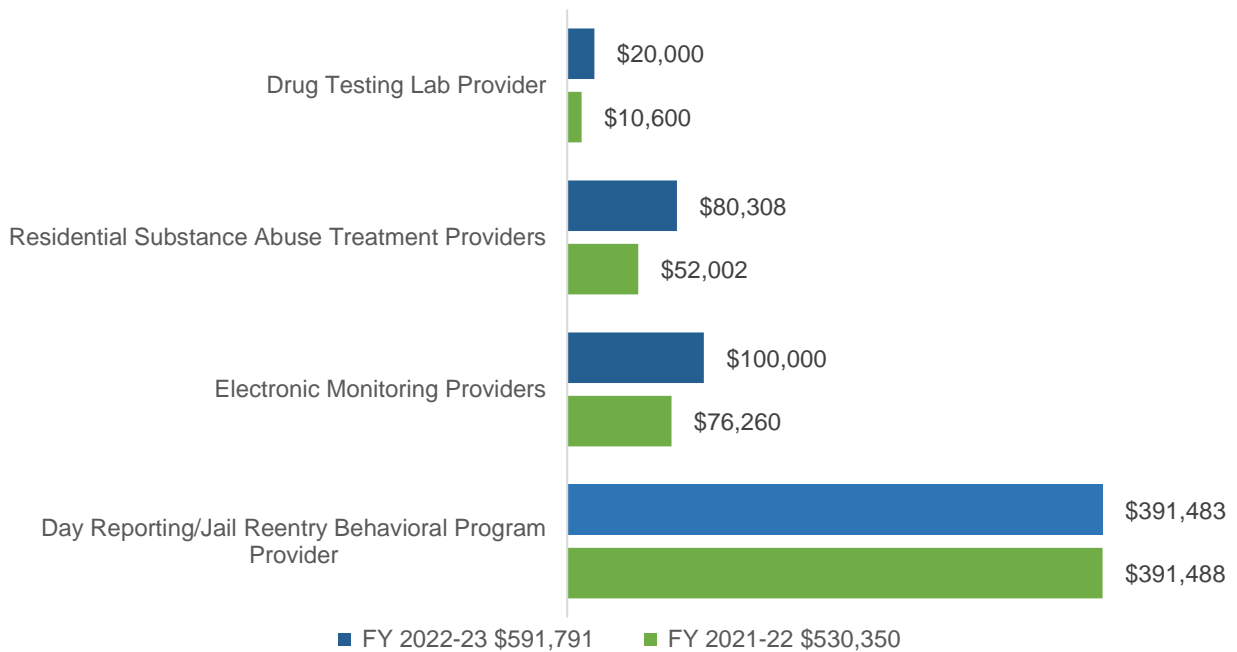
FY 21-22 and 22-23 Allocations



FY 21-22 and 22-23 Allocations to Public Agencies for Programs & Services



FY 21-22 and 22-23 Allocations to Non-Public Agencies for Programs & Services



Optional Questions

Describe the process the CCP uses to determine potential programs and/or services for local implementation using Realignment funds?

The Tuolumne County CCP currently meets at least quarterly to discuss needs for potential programs and services. Funding requests require the requesting agency to include detailed descriptions of each funding request and how it fits into the AB109 framework, as well as an expense breakdown. Once evaluated by the CCP, Executive Committee members vote on whether or not to adopt the funded program/service. After adoption, the CCP monitors each funded agency's outcomes related to that program/service.

Does the county evaluate the effectiveness (as defined locally) of programs and/or services funded with its Public Safety Realignment allocation?

Yes

If yes, how?

The CCP presents an annual report to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors which includes statistics, and year-to-year tracking/trends, and qualitative data. This includes overall success rates of the programs funded by AB109. The Probation Department Business Manager and Staff Services Analyst keep track of AB 109 related statistical and financial data monthly, quarterly, and annually to evaluate overall effectiveness of programs and services and ensure that costs stay within the approved budget.

Does the county consider evaluation results when funding programs and/or services?

Yes

If yes, how?

The CCP gives preference to programs that utilize evidence-based programming and practices as well as promising practices to ensure programs will be a benefit to clients and the County.

Does the county use BSCC definitions (average daily population, conviction, length of stay, recidivism, and/or treatment program completion rates) when collecting data?

Yes	No	
X		Average daily population
X		Conviction
X		Length of stay
X		Recidivism
X		Treatment program completion rates

What percentage of the Public Safety Realignment allocation is used for evidence-based programming (as defined locally)?

61% to 80%

We would like to better understand your county's capacity to offer mental health, substance use disorder, behavioral health treatment programs, and/or other services. What type and level of services are now available?

The Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Department treats severe and chronically mentally ill clients, as well as provides substance abuse treatment services. The department primarily serves Medi-Cal clients. Tuolumne County as a whole lacks adequate psychiatric treatment and services.

Due to the limited behavioral health services available to our rural demographic, the CCP utilizes AB 109 funding to contract with GEO Reentry services for Day Reporting Center (DRC) and Jail Reentry (JRP) programs providing clients with evidence based cognitive behavioral and substance abuse programming, employment assistance, and other resources. GEO Reentry Services also refers clients to the Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Department for more intensive and specialized treatment.

Additionally, to close the treatment gaps and services, AB 109 partially funds a full time Behavioral Health Clinician/Worker (assigned to Probation) and a specific line item for housing and residential substance abuse treatment services for actively supervised offenders. Finally, the CCP has authorized funding for Probation to begin providing certain realigned offenders with supportive services such as medical and mental health treatment, housing assistance, transportation, and other assistance to remove any other barriers to successful rehabilitation and reentry into the community.

What challenges does your county face in meeting these program and service needs?

Though Tuolumne County CCP allocations are healthy, revenue is expected to decrease as we enter a recession. With a status quo budget it is projected that the CCP spend more on AB109 related programs and services than annual state and federal revenue provides. Personnel, and program operational costs will continue to rise at a greater rate than revenues overall. Additionally, the Tuolumne County Jail is experiencing a staffing crisis and housing offenders in a neighboring county. The local CCP plan continues to maximize funding for alternatives to secure detention, including electronic monitoring, work release, Mandatory Supervision, and Sheriff's Parole. Local leaders continue to implement strategies emphasizing cost containment without compromising quality programming, however, effectively managing this higher risk population of offenders without relying on secure detention or additional revenue remains challenging.

What programmatic changes and/or course corrections have you made in the implementation of Public Safety Realignment that you believe other counties would find helpful?

On any given day, 60-75% of Tuolumne County's jail population is occupied by inmates who have not yet completed the court process. As a result, inmates are being released early. Beginning in fiscal year 2017-18, Tuolumne County implemented a Pretrial Program to free bed space at the jail for sentenced inmates, and has since adopted a custom tool made up of six different risk factors proven in validation studies to identify risk for new arrest or failure to appear in court. The goal of the Pretrial Program is to ensure the following:

- Safety of the community
- That the released person appears in Court for hearings
- Protect the presumption of innocence
- Maximize the number of jail beds for sentenced inmates

Tuolumne County's Pretrial Program has continually improved over the past several years, and is proving effective in assisting judicial officers and others in making informed decisions by providing information about the likelihood that a person charged with a crime will appear in court and not be re-arrested if released from custody pretrial. The Public Safety Assessment (PSA) helps identify individuals who are more likely to appear for court hearings and to remain arrest free. Those individuals identified as lower risk are generally eligible to be released pretrial.

PSA's are scored by Probation Department staff utilizing static data (prior criminal record, prior failures to appear, and prior incidents of violent crimes) generated from RAP sheets and Probation and Court databases. Assessments completed by Probation staff are sent to the court electronically throughout the day and release decisions are made by Superior Court judges.

Additionally, creating a multi-disciplinary treatment team, along with embedding a Behavioral Health Clinician in the Probation Department, have proven to enhance collaboration with community partners and streamline treatment services to meet individual's diverse mental health and substance abuse needs.

Describe a local best practice or promising program that has produced positive results. If data exists to support the results, please share.

Tuolumne County continues to contract with GEO Reentry Services to provide evidence-based programming to high risk offenders, both in and out of custody. GEO programing at the Day Reporting Center (DRC) includes individual counseling, group sessions, and Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT). This program is very extensive and demanding for clients. In order to successfully complete the program, individuals must complete Phase 1-3, Aftercare, and obtain employment and housing. This can be a minimum of a 210 day program. In order to advance to the next phase, the participant must complete each step listed in their Moral Reconation Workbook and remain drug free. Tuolumne County has averaged a 40% success rate from program inception, which is highly positive given the difficulty of the program and the type of offenders (typically PRCS and other high-risk classifications). This can be attributed to the collaboration between GEO, Probation, and Sheriff's Office staff.

GEO also provides a similar program in the County Jail. The Jail Re-Entry Program (JRP) provides a 12 week structured, evidence-based program to offenders while incarcerated. The curriculum includes MRT, counseling, education, and release preparation. Successful completion of this program is very similar to the DRC program, as inmates must complete Phase 1-3 of the program. Offenders can then transition into the DRC program after release for further in-depth programming and long-term treatment. The overall success rate of the JRP program is 63%.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced GEO to temporarily suspend and scale back their in-person services in an attempt to preserve the health of staff and clients. However, GEO continues to creatively pursue opportunities to engage clients through phone contacts, reduced size groups, and development of distance learning materials.