



Del Norte County

Public Safety Realignment Plan
2022/23

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Budget Description

Funding allocation & estimated growth funds

AB 109 funding is directed to counties from a state-level Community Corrections Subaccount. Annual funding for the Community Corrections Subaccount is dictated by the 2011 Realignment fiscal structure set forth in statute, and the overall funding level produced by the dedicated state sales tax within a given fiscal year. Specific county-by-county allocations are made according to a permanent formula developed several years ago by a nine-member County Administrative Officer committee with assistance from the California State Association of Counties.

For the 2022/23 fiscal year, it is estimated that our annual allocation will be increased, likely due to the overall state budget surplus.

Funding is distributed to multiple agencies in accordance with the desires of the Community Corrections Partnership. Following is a description of the planned use of these funds for FY '22/23, followed by a more detailed budget.

Probation

Probation serves as the supervising agency for Postrelease Community Supervision (PRCS) and Mandatory Supervision (19.9) offenders, as well as felony probationers in Del Norte County.

The PRCS population is made up of those offenders who were sentenced to state prison but, generally, fall into categories of non-violent, non-serious (both according to statutory definitions⁰, and non-registerable (sex registration) offenders. Although this is by no means a precise definition of this offender population, it generally describes the majority of offenders who serve out state prison sentences and return to county supervision.

The Mandatory Supervision population (19.9 colloquially in Del Norte County, referring to the Penal Code section) are those offenders who serve prison sentences that are statutorily required to be served in County Jail. The court chooses in some cases to order part of the sentence to be served in custody and part of the sentence to be served on supervision, under the purview of the county probation department. These 19.9 offenders serve out the balance of their prison sentence in the community, earning credit each day toward the fulfillment of their sentence.

Both PRCS and Mandatory Supervision were created by 2011 Public Safety Realignment

PAYROLL

As has been the case in past years, each probation officer's time spent working is time-studied to appropriate categories. Over the last year 1 officer, along with intermittent time spent by other officers, have been dedicated to supervising and working with PRCS, 19.9, and high risk felony probation offenders. A significant amount of the payroll budget is dedicated to paying for this supervision. One Legal Clerk position is also funded for the primary purpose of facilitating and

managing the Electronic Monitoring program which is intended to assist in reducing and controlling jail population. They will also assist with other needed realignment work.

The Pretrial Coordinator position will no longer be funded through the Partnership. A greater need was identified in FY '21/'22 for those funds to be spent for inmate reimbursement. Rather, the expanded requirements for pretrial mandated by SB 129 also included funding for local pretrial programs. As a result, the Del Norte County Pretrial Services being facilitated by the Probation Department will continue to operate using those funds.

A discussion that has been ongoing for some time is the possibility of a position that would be dedicated to reentry planning for offenders being released from county jail. Such a position would be utilized for all inmates being release, not only those who are Realignment-specific. This is something that the Probation Department will be exploring further with other Partners and may find opportunity to implement in the coming fiscal year.

OFFENDER SERVICES

Electronic monitoring

Since 2015, the Community Corrections Partnership has agreed that an effective EM program can assist in intensive supervision and provide a custody alternative for those in jail custody that will directly impact jail population and costs. Since that time the Partnership has allocated funding to allow the Sheriff to utilize the EM/Home Detention program operated by Probation to help manage jail population. Given the numerous issues presented by the response to COVID, both by the State and locally, as well as the compounding issues of a dated facility, this need has not diminished. The use of this program demands a proactive approach by jail staff, and the careful and regular coordination with the Probation Department. The Partnership is dedicated to ensuring that every option be utilized to the greatest extent possible to maintain the safe operation of the county jail and facilitate the appropriate alternative custody arrangements.

As mentioned in the previous section, funding for Pretrial Services EM will no longer be funded through the Partnership.

Housing

Probation continues to assist in finding housing for offenders who are homeless or need a clean and sober environment in order to remain compliant with their conditions. This has proven to be a critical need over the last several years as many offenders have received accelerated releases from State Prison and county jail. Resources that have been utilized are primarily local motels and the various Oxford Houses.

Programs

The Probation Department continues to facilitate the offering of Financial Peace University to develop basic financial literacy, the Change Companies cognitive behavioral therapeutic workbook programs. In conjunction with referrals to programs offered by other agencies, these programs facilitated in-house can empower offenders to make significant changes in their lives, changing the heritage they received from previous generations and leaving a new legacy for their own families.

During the past year, our local SMART Workforce Center was able to operate a Prison to Employment program that was grant funded and served a number of our offenders by providing job-finding services. That grant has now ended and the director of that program has reached out to find out if any funding is available to continue to offer this service. Although it is late in the budget cycle to have details finalized, the Probation Department will continue to work with their staff to determine if funding through the Partnership might be an option, as well as a program structure. Given the cost per participant, at this time we are projecting a cost of \$171,000 to pay for 10 offenders to go through the program.

Funding continues to be set aside to ensure Probation remains in compliance with the structure of the Containment Model to supervise sex offenders, to provide accountability via UA testing, and to offer simple incentives to offenders to inspire them to continue to make right choices in the face of life's difficulties.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Funds continue to be set aside to cover the general expenses associated with supervising offenders. Office supplies, vehicle maintenance, case management and policy systems, officer training and equipment are all paid for with this funding.

For a number of years the Probation Department has been working to find a way to secure a new case management system (CMS) that would provide better functionality internally as well as provide the opportunity for connectivity with other local agencies. The Courts have indicated that they will be securing a new CMS during this year, and with the requirements and funding of SB 129, the time may be right to proceed down this path. Currently, Probation is working on an RFP with the IT department that will provide clarity on what system would best meet these needs. With the intent that all, or a significant portion, of this project will be funded by SB 129, it may be necessary for the Department to request assistance from the Partnership to make this transition a reality.

Department of Health & Human Services

This category includes in-custody services provided by Behavioral Health to offenders currently housed in the County Jail. Leadership of BHB has indicated that they are no longer able to offer psychiatric services, so the funding that was previously used for that category will be allocated for general BHB services that can be offered to the population of realigned offenders in custody.

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health continues to provide Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) for offenders both out of custody and in county jail. Monies set aside in this category help fund Mental Health staff to continue these groups and any other materials needed or costs associated with this program.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

AOD continues to provide substance abuse programming for these populations in custody where funding sources for such programs are limited.

District Attorney / Public Defender

The District Attorney and Public Defender offices have assumed the responsibility for prosecuting and defending realigned offenders since 2011. In addition, in the last several years they have been tasked with handling parole violations locally as well. To supplement the funds that these offices already receive, money has been budgeted to cover other demonstrated costs.

Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office has received Community Corrections funding each year since realignment to offset the cost of housing realigned offenders, specifically 1170(h) offenders who are serving both straight and split prison sentences in county jail. The DNSO will again receive a portion of total funding to offset this cost.

Similarly, funds are again set aside to reimburse the Sheriff's Office for incarcerating offenders using flash incarceration. Title 2.05 of the Penal Code makes allowance for the use of flash incarceration for offenders on PRCS as an intermediate sanction.

Financial reserve

Good fiscal policy dictates that a reserve be set aside to deal with unforeseen contingencies or future cuts in funding. A reserve will ensure that programs and services can avoid disruption or abrupt termination. Action was taken by the Partnership in early 2020 to cap the CCP's financial reserve and maintain a reserve that is equal to 20% of the averaged total allocation of the last three years (\$1,264,764), which equates to \$252,953 this fiscal year.

As a result, an amount of \$11,915 will be allocated to the reserve account this fiscal year.

Local Innovation Subaccount

As yet, it is unknown if Del Norte will receive growth funds for the coming fiscal year. As a result no monies have been allocated to this subaccount.

2022/23 Community Corrections Partnership Budget

Probation Department

Payroll	200,000
• Legal Clerk (electronic monitoring)	70,542
• Program Coordinator	47,107
	317,649

Offender Services

• Electronic monitoring (supervision / Jail)	4,500
• Living Skills - Financial Peace University	4,000
• Housing (Oxford House, motels etc.)	17,000
• Sex offender containment model	2,000
• UA testing	11,500
• Offender incentives	8,500
• Prison to Employment	171,000
	218,500

Operating expenses

• Case management system	21,266
• Office supplies	3,500
• Lexipol (department policy system)	4,000
• Vehicle operation & maintenance	10,825
	39,591

Staff development & personal equipment

• Officer training	20,000
• Clothing & safety equipment (uniforms, body armor, safety equipment)	4,300
• Duty equipment & maintenance (officer equipment, radio, firearm maintenance)	4,600
• Body cameras	8,500
• Ammunition	9,000
	46,400

Subtotal	622,140
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Department of Health & Human Services

General in-custody Behavioral Health Services	30,000
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AOD	40,000
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Mental Health

• In-Custody Moral Reconciliation Therapy	30,000
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Subtotal	100,000
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District Attorney / Public Defender

District Attorney	12,000
• Case Management System	1,100
Public Defender	12,000
Subtotal	25,100

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff's Office	
• 1170(h) Inmate Reimbursement	457,514
• Flash Incarceration	15,000
Subtotal	472,514

Financial Reserve

Financial reserve	11,915
Subtotal	11,915
Current reserve balance	240,948

Local Innovation Subaccount

Local Innovation Subaccount, (10% of growth)	0
Subtotal	0

Total Local Budgeted Expenditures 1,231,669

Estimated Allocation

Base AB109 Allocation	1,564,190
Growth	0
PRCS funds	20,500
Total Estimated Allocation	1,584,690

Balance 353,021

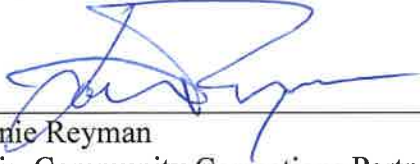
CCP Reserve (20% of rolling 3-year total allocation) 252,953

Summary

The Partners continue to work toward the goal of community safety and the successful reintegration of offenders, even in the midst of trying times brought on by the response to a global pandemic during the last two years. There continues to be a great need for providing support and structure to our offenders who are attempting to pay their debt to society and change the trajectory of their family legacy. Building agencies' capacities to serve offenders is complemented by building capacities in the offenders themselves to better manage their behavior and lifestyles so that they can more successfully engage in the challenges that life inevitably presents each person. In the upcoming fiscal year we look forward to the continuation of programs that benefit our community and the implementation and exploration of further resources that will continue to enhance the supervision of offenders.

Approval

Gerry Hemmingsen
Chair, Del Norte County Board of Supervisors



Date

5/17/22

Lonnie Reyman
Chair, Community Corrections Partnership

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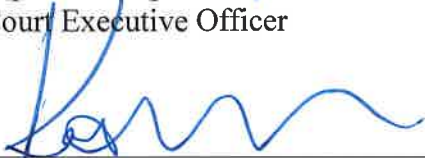
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