

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUMMARY</b>  <b>CDCR Budget Conference Call</b>  <b>Monday, January 13, 2020</b></p>
Facilitator:	Ralph Diaz, CDCR Secretary
Purpose:	Overview of CDCR's Proposed 2020-21 Budget
More Information:	<a href="http://ebudget.ca.gov/budget/2020-21/#/Agency/5210">http://ebudget.ca.gov/budget/2020-21/#/Agency/5210</a>

## I. Welcome

- Secretary Diaz thanked everybody for calling in and encouraged those who haven't read the new CDCR mission and vision statements to do so, as the Governor's Proposed Budget is in line with where we are going as a department.
- You can read more about the new statements [here](#). They are:
  - Vision: We enhance public safety and promote successful community reintegration through education, treatment, and active participation in rehabilitative and restorative justice programs.
  - Mission: To facilitate the successful reintegration of the individuals in our care back to their communities equipped with the tools to be drug-free, healthy, and employable members of society by providing education, treatment, rehabilitative, and restorative justice programs, all in a safe and humane environment.

## II. Youth Offender Rehabilitative Community Program

- New advances in brain development research have revealed important differences in how young adults can respond to rehabilitation, relative to older people in prison.
  - A “youth offender” is defined as someone entering CDCR under the age of 22 and through the age of 25.
- To offer these young people the best chance at correcting the course of their lives, the Budget includes \$6.2 million in 2020-21, and \$10.1 million ongoing, to establish Youth Offender Rehabilitative Communities.
- These communities will serve to connect youth offenders to compatible mentors, as well as rehabilitative and educational programs targeted to their unique needs.
- This program will build off of the established Youthful Offender Program (YOP).
  - YOP allows people sentenced under age 22 to be housed at lower security levels, providing increased access to rehabilitative programs and less interaction with negative influences found on higher-level yards.

- YOP offers classes on cognitive behavioral interventions, gang awareness and prevention, victim impact, money smart management, and aftercare planning.
- There will be one “super hub” campus created at Valley State Prison with an additional three created at:
  - California State Prison, Los Angeles County
  - San Quentin State Prison
  - California State Prison, Solano

### **III. Contracted Correctional Facilities**

- In line with Governor Newsom's dedication to exiting private prisons and CDCR's desire to offer robust rehabilitative programming opportunities for incarcerated men and women, the 2020-2021 proposed budget outlines a pathway for CDCR to ramp down its use of in-state contracted Modified Community Correctional Facilities (MCCFs) and bring everybody housed there back into CDCR-run prisons.
- In 2019, CDCR took major steps toward bringing everybody back into CDCR prisons by bringing the last of the out-of-state population back to California in June, and ending its contract for the 700-bed Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility in September.
- CDCR will end its contracts with the remaining two private, for-profit prisons – Desert View and Golden State MCCFs – by April 2020. The budget also calls for phasing out CDCR's use of two of the remaining three institutions operated by local municipalities – Taft and Shafter MCCFs – by 2021, and ending its use of the third and final public in-state contract facility – Delano MCCF – by 2022.
- These closures are estimated to save about \$12 million this year, and about \$57 million next year while allowing people to be safely housed in institutions that offer the same educational, medical, restorative justice and rehabilitative programs that provide opportunities for personal and professional growth statewide.
- CDCR's population is projected to decrease by about 4,300 between June 2021 and 2024, allowing the Department the opportunity to bring incarcerated people back into its exclusive care without compromising safety and security. Long-term, provided that CDCR's population projections continue their downward trend, the state of California will close a CDCR-run prison within the next five years.

### **IV. Expanded Visitation**

- CDCR understands that a large contributing factor to rehabilitative success is the involvement and support of their family and friends.
- To support connection with loved ones, CDCR will expand visiting from two days per week to three days per week at nine institutions where the demand exceeds current visiting schedules.
- The Budget includes \$4.6 million ongoing General Fund to add an additional visitation day at nine institutions.

- Friday visiting will be added at the following institutions:
  - California State Prison, Solano
  - Folsom State Prison
  - Pleasant Valley State Prison
  - Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Corcoran
  - Calipatria State Prison
  - Valley State Prison
  - Central California Women's Facility
  - California Institution for Women
  - Folsom Women's Facility

## **V. Expanding Higher Education Opportunities**

- CDCR is a national leader in its face-to-face college program and recently developed a face-to-face bachelor's degree program with California State University, Los Angeles.
  - CDCR provides face-to-face or correspondence college opportunities to approximately 14,800 students in 35 prisons.
  - We have agreements with 22 community colleges to provide face-to-face instruction.
  - College course completions have grown from 3,162 in 2012-2013 to 14,309 in 2017-2018.
  - Enrollment in face-to-face college programming has increased from 5,451 in Spring 2017 to 6,728 in Fall 2019.
- CDCR will partner with the California State University system to establish bachelor's degrees programs at several prisons, including Valley State, along with providing funding for tuition, books, and the technology necessary to help these students succeed in college.
  - a. Academic information technology modernization**
    - i. The Governor's Budget includes \$40 million in 2020-21 to support new or expanded programs to all incarcerated people to improve educational and rehabilitative outcomes, including \$26.9 million for the purchase of 40,000 laptop computers for use by academic program participants and the creation of a secure online academic portal which will allow students to complete educational curriculum outside of the classroom.

## **VI. Staff Development**

- Creating a prison environment that is safe and secure for staff, incarcerated people, and visitors, and that is conducive to rehabilitation, requires a professional, well-trained workforce.
- New correctional officers will receive three weeks of in-service job shadowing by a dedicated mentor to better prepare new hires for their CDCR careers.
- The repurposing of Northern California Women's Facility into a new, hands-on training facility will better prepare new officers for real-world scenarios, including giving them the tools they

need to effectively communicate with incarcerated men and women and encourage them to participate in rehabilitative programs.

- The Budget includes \$1.8 million ongoing funding to centralize the Department's discrimination complaint process to promote objectivity and fairness in the investigation of equal opportunity complaints.

## **VII. Infrastructure**

- None of the necessary rehabilitative and reentry work can be successful without appropriate infrastructure. The Budget includes several infrastructure priorities:
  - \$78.2 million over two years for roof replacement projects, including design funding at Pelican Bay State Prison and California State Prison, Sacramento.
  - \$5.9 million to replace damaged flooring, walls, wall-mounted air conditioning units, counters, and storage spaces in existing health care treatment areas at California Rehabilitation Center.
  - \$3.8 million to retrofit 64 intake cells across the state to reduce suicides.
  - \$21.6 million in 2020-21 and \$2.1 million ongoing to expand video surveillance capabilities at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, Salinas Valley State Prison and California Institution for Women
- Approximately \$125 million for healthcare-related improvements including construction funding for a 50-bed licensed Mental Health Crisis Facility at CIM.
- Approximately \$38 million is for infrastructure improvements. These projects include construction of a fire suppression system at PBSP, installation of air cooling systems at CIM, and design of air cooling systems at SATF, and design of water treatment equipment at VSP.
- Approximately \$19 million is for rehabilitation space improvements. These projects include renovation of a classroom building at San Quentin and construction of new classrooms at CSP-Sacramento, along with design for education buildings at CSP-Corcoran.

## **VIII. Mental Health Services**

- The Budget includes \$5.9 million General Fund in 2020-21, increasing to \$8.4 million ongoing General Fund by 2024-25, to support expansion of telepsychiatry, which uses secure videoconferencing to increase patient access to mental health care services.
  - There are currently 55 telepsychiatrists contracted with CDCR which is expected to increase to 112 by 2025.
- The Budget also includes \$1.4 million ongoing General Fund for contract psychiatry services to meet the federal court order to fill at least 90 percent of the state prison system's psychiatry positions.

## **IX. Questions**

- What is the status of DRP's Innovative Grants Program and funding for Community-Based Organizations that provide rehabilitative programming.
  - The 2019-20 budget included \$6 million for Innovative Grants, to be delivered for grants focused on victim-impact/restorative justice programming and \$5 million for California Reentry and Enrichment (CARE) grants. The victim-impact grantees have been named, and the Legislature is in the process of selecting CARE grant committee members. DRP will inform its stakeholders when the CARE grant application process will begin.
- Will visitors centers be funded for the additional visiting day?
  - Visiting centers will be available on the third day of visiting at the nine institutions. The visiting centers are supported by the Inmate Welfare Fund. The Department has sufficient authority to absorb the cost of visiting centers, so the Budget does not include an augmentation for this purpose.
  - The Inmate Welfare Fund is a trust where all proceeds from institutional canteen and hobby shop sales are deposited and spent for the benefit of people incarcerated at that institution.
- How will the Department fund applying credits in SOMS related to AB 965?
  - The budget includes \$504,000 General Fund in 2020-21, \$847,000 in 2021-22 and \$796,000 ongoing beginning in 2022-23, to upgrade existing systems and procedures to apply educational merit credits to advance youth parole eligibility dates pursuant to AB 965(Applying Credits to Advance Youth Parole Eligibility). More information can be found [here](#).
- Is there anything in the budget specific to parole suitability hearings or 1170(d)?
  - CDCR has filed emergency regulations regarding the 1170(d) Recall and Resentencing Referral Process. CDCR will go through the Administrative Procedures Act process to promulgate permanent regulations, including holding a public hearing. There are no significant changes to the Board of Parole Suitability Hearings' budget.