

Community Corrections Partnership

Request for Identification of Programs/Needs to be funded with available AB 109 funds

The purpose of this proposal is to identify programs/needs that your department/agency is requesting be funded with available AB 109 funds. If a program is selected for funding, Fresno County Purchasing requirements will need to be followed in the awarding of contracts associated with the program. Therefore if a contract with a community based organization (CBO) or vendor is required for a program, the above process will need to be completed in order to select a CBO or vendor. In addition, once the CCP has selected proposals for funding, the CCP Plan may be required to be updated and brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board of Supervisors will also be required to approve increases in appropriations and/or County personnel associated with the proposal.

Please provide the following information associated with your program funding request (Please limit your response to each item to one page using 12 point font and being double spaced):

1. Program Name: Pre-Trial Risk Assessment
2. Name of Department/Agency submitting request: Sheriff
3. Contact person, email and phone number: Asst. Sheriff Tom Gattie, Tom.Gattie@fresnosheriff.org, 559 600-8141.
4. Need for the Program: The Population Management Unit consists of 4 Correctional Sergeants, 4 Correctional Officer IVs and 13 Correctional Officers.

Population Management is responsible for properly classifying and housing inmates who are in custody in accordance with existing law, mandate and facility policy. This includes both inmates who are initially classified and those who need re-classification because of in-custody problems.

The initial housing process consists of interviews, criminal history checks, past custodial history and cell placement. The remediation of in-custody problems consists of separation and interview of each inmate who may be involved. Compatible cellmates must be found and this involves making transfers and conducting more interviews.

The officers are responsible for investigations involving gang membership and/or gang involvement. They are also responsible for releases to maintain compliance with the 1993 Federal Court Order.

During the course of an inmate's stay, the Population Management Unit is responsible to review various aspects of the stay including reviews of custody status (every 90 days), reviews to maintain compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act, and, in the case of inmates who are housed in isolation, a thirty day review of their housing status.

5. Program Description/Design: Population Management checks the eligibility of inmates for programs such as AA, NA, GED school, and/or religious services by reviewing each inmate for compatibility. The Correctional Officers currently assigned to the Population Management Unit are often called to testify in court on gang issues and other issues relating to housing and telephone usage. With the exception of the court testimony, all of the above tasks are completed on a 24 hour basis.

There were three questions being asked of new arrivals in regards with a pre-trial risk assessment in Booking. These three questions have been deemed insufficient to the pre-trial risk process and the implementation of the "Virginia Model" is being discussed.

The "Virginia Model" consists of seven questions and determines the risk/eligibility of an inmate. Some of the existing information is currently gathered by Population Management and it only makes sense for that unit to complete the questionnaire. This will be completed for each inmate who will stay in custody.

With all of the other evolutions and responsibilities, the Population Management Unit is at the end of its capabilities to absorb another responsibility. The Sheriff's Office is requesting to add 1 additional officer to each 12 hour platoon in the unit. The cost reflected in this proposal will be for 5 Correctional Officers to complete these additional tasks.

6. Identify area of CCP plan where this program is referenced or should be added
Fresno County Sheriff's Office: Jail Division
7. Program Budget – complete attached line item budget form and budget summary form including identification of staff