

**Staff Report**

**TO:** Criminal Justice County Affairs Committee  
Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Joe Caleca, Community Corrections and Kerri Curtiss, Court Administrator

**DATE:** May 6, 2019

**RE:** Community Corrections FY2020 Grant – Total \$69,250

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**BACKGROUND**

The Michigan Department of Corrections requires Counties to apply for Community Corrections program funding annually. The Community Corrections Plan and Application must address the State's priorities of lowering the Prison Commitment Rate, especially among Felony Probation Violators. Recidivism is defined by the MDOC as Felony Probation Violators who are sent to Prison on the violation or a new felony offense.

The Community Corrections program anticipates making some changes for 2020, which includes a new vendor for the Cognitive Change program resulting in a significant decrease in program costs for comparable programming. We have added some funding to the Pretrial Supervision portion allowing us to cover the cost drug/alcohol testing for offenders with financial need.

In early FY2019, our longtime vendor was no longer able to provide the Cognitive Change program in the manner which the state required so we were forced to mutually terminate our contract with them. After unsuccessfully seeking new providers, we ended up running a modified version using internal staff. We have a new prospective provider that will be available to provide services for FY2020.

The pretrial program coincides with a portion of the language in standard 4 of the Michigan Indigent Defense Standards. Standard 4 requires counsel at first appearance and goes on to suggest that the attorney should focus on the potential for pre-trial release of the defendant. By allocating funds to cover electronic monitoring costs and drug testing, the Community Corrections program is in a better position to cover the financial costs to monitor medium to high risk felons who are released prior to sentencing.

National reform efforts continue emphasizing the requirement that before imposing conditional release on defendants, courts must first make the required determination that personal recognizance bonds will not reasonably ensure the defendant's appearance or will present a danger to the public. As more defendants are released from incarceration prior to sentencing, there will likely be a larger need for electronic monitoring.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The alternative would be for the county to fund the program or discontinue it in its entirety.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The FY 2020 request is for \$64,975 for plans and services and an additional \$4,275 for Drunk Driver Jail Reduction Program (DDJRP). The MDOC awarded Isabella County \$128,120 in FY2019.

### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

Isabella County's 9.2% Prison Commitment Rate remained the same as last year.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Please adopt a resolution approving the FY 2019 Community Corrections Application and Plan in the amount of \$64,975 for Plans and Services and \$4,275 for Drunk Driver Jail Reduction Program for a total of \$69,250.

### **ATTACHMENT**

FY 19 Application and Plan

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**  
**FY 2020 FUNDING PROPOSAL**  
for  
Isabella County

**Comprehensive Plans & Services**

Program	Program Code	Funding Request	Approved Funding	Reserved Funding	Total Funding Recommendation
<b>Group-Based Programs</b>					
Education	B00	-			-
Employment	B15	-			-
Life Skills	B16	-			-
Cognitive	C01	-			-
Domestic Violence	C05	-			-
Sex Offender	C06	-			-
Outpatient Services	G18	25,500			-
Other Group Services	G00	-			-
<b>Sub-Total</b>		25,500	-	-	-
<b>Supervision Programs</b>					
Day Reporting	D04	-			-
Intensive Supervision	D23	-			-
Electronic Monitoring	D08	-			-
Pretrial Supervision	F23	10,200			-
<b>Sub-Total</b>		10,200	-	-	-
<b>Assessment Services</b>					
Actuarial Assessment	I22	8,500			-
Pretrial Assessment	F22	-			-
<b>Sub-Total</b>		8,500	-	-	-
<b>Gatekeeper</b>					
Jail Population Monitor	I23	-			-
Gatekeeper	I25	-			-
<b>Sub-Total</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Case Management</b>	I24	-			-
<b>Substance Abuse Testing</b>	G17	-			-
<b>Other</b>	Z00	-			-
<b>Program Total</b>		44,200	-	-	-
<b>Administration</b>					
Salary & Wages		20,775.00			-
Contractual Services		-			-
Equipment		-			-
Supplies		-			-
Travel		-			-
Training		-			-
Board Expenses		-			-
Other		-			-
<b>Administration Total</b>		20,775	-	-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Plans &amp; Services</b>		64,975	0	0	0
<b>Drunk Driver Jail Reduction</b>					
<b>Program</b>	<b>Program Code</b>	<b>Funding Request</b>	<b>Approved Funding</b>	<b>Reserved Funding</b>	<b>Total Funding Recommendation</b>
Assessment & Treatment Services	Z01	0			0
5-Day In Jail Housing	Z02	4,275			0
<b>Totals</b>		4,275	0	0	0

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