

# **Sex Offender Treatment Program Funding Needs**

## **Utah Department of Corrections**

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### ***Division of Adult Probation and Parole***

*There are currently 1,472 sex offenders on probation and parole. Corrections estimates that additional funding is needed for full or partial payment for treatment for 1000 of these offenders.*

*Most sex offenders need some assistance in paying for their treatment. Many must pay large amounts of restitution for treatment for their victims. They may have child support obligations, court fines and fees, supervision fees, and attorney fees.*

*Assuming that:*

- o 33% need state funding for most of their treatment costs*
- o 50% need help with half their costs*
- o 17% need minimal help*

*\$2,100,000 would provide enough funding to assist with outpatient treatment for all of these offenders if they could provide their own (\$50/month) co-pays.*

*Additional costs would include polygraph and plethysmograph testing and co-pay assistance for the indigent offenders for a total of \$930,000.*

***Total funding need is \$3,030,000.***

*Corrections proposes phasing this funding in over a 6 year period with increases of \$500,000 each year.*

### ***Division of Institutional Operations***

*There are 1601 sex offenders in Utah's prison system.*

*The last new funding received for the sex offender treatment program was in 1996 when there were about 900 incarcerated sex offenders.*

*Current funding levels allow Corrections to treat approximately 440 offenders per year.*

*Both treatment and assessment workloads have increased dramatically without subsequent increases in the number of treatment staff.*

*Since sex offenders generally have long prison stays, Corrections does not need funding to treat all sex offenders at the same time. Treatment can be staged to focus on offenders close to release who are amenable to treatment.*

***Corrections estimates that, to treat the current sex offender population within their expected incarceration period, additional funding of \$732,962 is needed to provide 9 additional staff members for this program.***

*The number of offenders in treatment would be increased by 300-360 per year.*

*Assessments and Board of Pardons reports would be increased.*

Polygraph evaluations could be provided for 260 additional offenders each year.

<b>Funding Detail for DIO</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
1 Therapist Supervisor	@ \$69,044 =	\$69,044
8 Licensed Clinical Therapists	@ \$57,855 =	\$462,840
1 Psychologist	@ \$85,210 =	\$85,210
1 CHS	@ \$50,868 =	\$50,868
Contract Polygraphs	@ \$250 * 260 tests =	\$65,000
	<b>Grand Total =</b>	<b>\$732,962</b>