



SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL BED HOUSING

BUILDING BLOCK PRIORITY 3

\$427,000 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION FY19

FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND

Background

The Salt Lake County Jail Bed Housing program is a two year program approved in the 2017 General Session with the objective to assist Salt Lake County with jail overcrowding. The program sends Salt Lake County inmates to other counties on a contractual basis, thereby freeing up 300 beds. This initiative is critical to assist Salt Lake County with jail overcrowding as well as the Rio Grande Operation.

The FY 2018 budget for the program is \$2,847,000 in General Fund (\$2,420,000 ongoing General Fund and \$427,000 one-time General Fund). CCJJ reimburses Salt Lake County \$26 per contract bed and Salt Lake County contributes an equal amount of \$26 per day. Currently Salt Lake County has contracts with the following counties: Cache, Davis, Tooele, Uintah, and Weber.

Recommendation

The Governor recommends a one-time appropriation of \$427,000 to support the Salt Lake County Jail Bed Housing program. This one-time funding is needed to ensure that Salt Lake County has adequate resources to provide the necessary bed space to assist with jail overcrowding and to continue funding for the Rio Grande Operation. Salt Lake County may not have the necessary funding to continue to contract with other counties for 300 beds or to open the additional 360 beds at the Oxbow Jail on July 1, 2018. Absence any funding may impact the success of Operation Rio Grande.

Intent Language

Amended intent language in Item 8, SB2 2017 General Session as follows:

FY 2018: The Legislature intends that the appropriation of \$2,857,000 go to the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to administer the contracting and payment of funds to any county that contracts with a county of the first class to house prisoners from a correctional facility in the county of first class. The Legislature intends that \$2,847,000 be used for housing up to 300 prisoners in county correctional facilities at \$26 per day, per prisoner, until FY 2020. The funds may be used to pay for state probationary inmates or parole inmates, which the county of the first class contracts out to other counties. The Legislature intends that payment of these funds be contingent upon a recipient county first entering into a contract between counties according to terms.

FY 2019: The Legislature intends that the appropriation of \$2,857,000 go to the Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to be used for either one or both of the following purposes: (1) to administer the contracting and payment of funds to any county that contracts with a county of the first class to house prisoners from a correctional facility in the county of the first class to house prisoners from a correctional facility in a county of first class. The Legislature intends that \$2,847,000 be used for housing up to 300 prisoners in county correctional facilities at \$26 per day, per prisoner. The funds may be used to pay for state probationary inmates or parole inmates, which the county of the first class contracts out to other counties. The Legislature intends that payment of these funds be contingent upon a recipient county first entering into a contract between the counties according to these terms; and (2) to fund operational support for the opening of the new 368 bed pod of the Salt Lake County Oxbow Jail which is scheduled to open at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2019.