



COUNTY PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

BUILDING BLOCK PRIORITY 4

\$1,000,000 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION FY19

FUNDING SOURCE: GENERAL FUND

Background

In the 2015 General Legislative Session, the legislature appropriated \$2,218,700 in on-going funding for the County Performance Incentive Program (CPIP) grants. This grant program, which centers on a risk and needs screening instrument assists jail staff with offender management; screens out offenders who are low risk to reoffend if placed on supervision; and provides information on referrals for substance use and mental health treatment. The statewide risk and needs screening tool applies to offenders booked in any of Utah’s 26 county jails on a Class B misdemeanor or above offense.

During the 2017 General Legislative Session, the CPIP funds were cut from CCJJ’s FY2018 budget. The CCJJ’s Commission approved a temporary means to continue with the jail screening process by using first, CPIP non-lapsing funds, and second, federal JAG funds, as a stop-gap measure to allow time to secure the grant funds back into CCJJ’s budget. In FY18, the total state CPIP funds used for the Risk and Needs Jail Screening grants include \$1,130,727.27 and \$1,008,355.32 in JAG federal funds. Because the screening instrument is interview based, most of the grant funds are used for counties to hire personnel to perform the screening functions.

Figure 1. Cumulative number of screens: Dec 2015-17

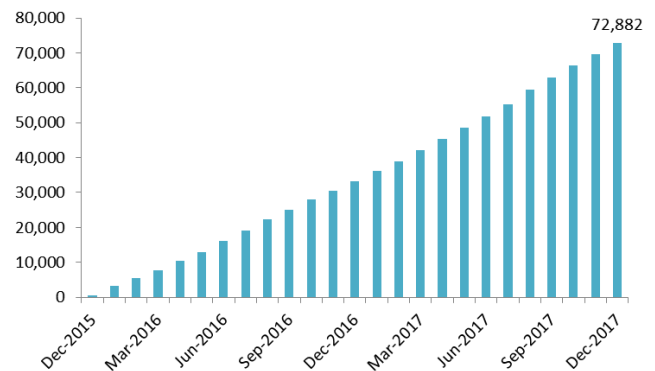
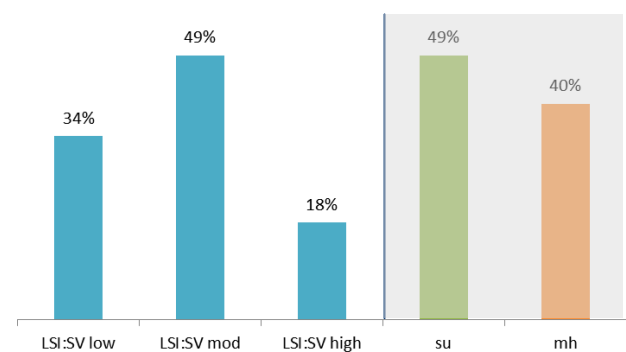


Figure 2. Break-down of risk level and % of offenders in need of a full substance use/mental health assessment



Source: CCJJ JRI 2nd Annual Report

Recommendation

The Governor recommends a one-time appropriation of \$1,000,000 to continue to support the operation of the county performance incentive program. By funding this request, the state will continue screening offenders to determine their risk and needs level when booked into jail on a Class B misdemeanor and above. If this funding is not received, additional resources will be needed for jails and treatment providers to provide a process to identify risk and needs for individuals entering the criminal justice system.