

**Department of Corrections
FY24 Midyear Status Report**

Item No.	Appropriation / Allocation	Description	Amount / Fund Source	LFD Questions
1	Administration and Support / Office of the Commissioner	Add Funding to Support DPS Investigation of Crimes Committed by Inmates	\$250.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Was this position hired, and if so, when? Assuming it has been hired, has this funding resulted in a reduction of the backlog of reported cases?
<p>Agency Response The Department of Public Safety filled the position for a short period between December 2022 through February 2023. The current incumbent of the position began in June 2023. Efforts by both investigators have resulted in a significant decrease in the backlog of reported cases as they continued to assist with current inmate death investigations.</p>				
2	Population Management / Inmate Transportation	Increase Funding for Inmate Transportation	\$525.0 Gen Fund (UGF) IncOTI	What is the current status of repairs at the Lemon Creek Correctional Center (LCCC)? When does the agency expect LCCC to return to regular capacity?
<p>Agency Response The contract has been awarded for the construction phase, which will begin by Spring 2024. Absent any further delays, the department anticipates completion by the end of calendar year 2024 with a return to regular capacity within 3 months from completion.</p>				
3	Population Management / Pre-Trial Services	Increase to Meet Pre-Trial Services Contractual Obligations Supplemental	\$4,470.8 Gen Fund (UGF)	Has the increased usage of Pre-Trial Electronic Monitoring continued so far in FY24? How does usage compare to the past several fiscal years?
<p>Agency Response Pre-trial Services continues to experience fluctuating but consistent numbers of electronic monitoring devices that are operated and monitored. As of July 1, 2023, our number was at 1,667 devices which is 232 less than last year. However, this number does not include those offenders in State custody monitored by a contractor in the Anchorage and Kodiak locations.</p>				
4	Population Management / Various	Establish New Allocation for Anticipated Overtime and Incentive Costs Structure	\$7,500.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Has the agency utilized funding from this allocation, and if so, for what costs? How does the experienced vacancy rate among correctional officers compare to the budgeted vacancy rate? How does overtime usage in FY24 compare to budgeted overtime?
<p>Agency Response The Department of Corrections has utilized this funding for overtime, premium pay, and incentive pay within the 13 institutions. To date, these expenditures for these pay types have exceeded the allocation. The overtime usage in FY2024 will exceed the budgeted overtime.</p>				

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5	Electronic Monitoring / Electronic Monitoring	Increase to Meet GPS Tracking for Community Residential Center Placements Supplemental	Total: \$452.9 \$226.5 Gen Fund (UGF) \$226.4 GF/Prgm (DGF)	Has the policy shift to no longer use EM for CRCs resulted in the expected cost savings? Will budgeted funding for this service be sufficient in FY24?
<p>Agency Response The Department of Corrections continues to utilize EM for CRC's, but at a reduced level. Electronic monitoring numbers are increasing and the department will be seeking a supplemental for FY2024.</p>				
6	Health and Rehabilitation Services / Physical Health Care	Decrease Funding for Physical Health Care Due to Projected Cost Reduction Implementation	(\$7,500.0) Gen Fund (UGF)	Have health care costs decreased as expected so far in FY24?
<p>Agency Response The Department of Corrections has not experienced decreases in health care costs to the expected level for FY2024. The costs for medical/mental health fees for services continue to rise.</p>				
7	Recidivism Reduction Grants / Recidivism Reduction Grants	Increase Funding for Reentry Housing	\$250.0 Gen Fund (UGF)	Has this funding been awarded, and if so, how has it been distributed?
<p>Agency Response The Department of Corrections has entered into an agreement with the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation in the amount of \$250.0 to work with various re-entry coalitions to assist with obtaining housing for those releasing from incarceration.</p>				