



Legislation Text

File #: 22-2098, **Version:** 1

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Financial Authorization

Project ID (if applicable): N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): Southwest Correctional, LLC (DBA LaSalle Corrections)

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable): N/A

MWDBE Current Achievement (if applicable): N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: 0% - Non-Divisible

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request for approval of funding in the amount of \$7,622,000 for outsourcing of part of the inmate population.

Background and Discussion:

Given recent events in the jail and a mandate from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS), it has become necessary to effect an immediate reduction in jail population through outsourcing. In addition, a major jail renovation project is set to begin sometime in 2022 that will require a diversion of part of the jail population. Assuming the jail population remains constant with the present average stay per inmate of over 200 days (versus 65-85 days pre-Hurricane Harvey and Covid-19), it is anticipated that outsourcing may be required for a period of up to seven years.

Expected Impact:

Outsourcing an average of 600 inmates per day will allow redistribution of existing jail staff and facilitate a safer environment for both inmates and HCSO personnel. This outsourcing will also help clear needed space in the jail for the renovation project.

Alternative Options:

Criminal Justice system improvements could help lower jail population and reduce the necessity for outsourcing. Housing space at 1307 Baker Street is also being explored but this option would require

investments and changes to that facility along with additional staffing.

Alignment with Goal(s):

- Justice and Safety
- Economic Opportunity
- Housing
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Flooding
- Environment
- Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken
1/25/22	203	Approved

Location:

Address (if applicable): N/A

Precinct(s): Choose an item.

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name	Safety and security of inmate jail population		
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$7,622,000	\$13,296,000	\$39,888,000
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$7,622,000	\$13,296,000	\$39,888,000
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
1030 - Covid Response and Recovery	\$7,622,000	\$13,296,000	\$39,888,000
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$7,622,000	\$13,296,000	\$39,888,000

Total Funding Sources	\$7,622,000	\$13,296,000	\$39,888.000
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Implementation Date: March 22, 2022

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): N/A