

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Sheriff - Coroner	(2) MEETING DATE 10/18/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ian Parkinson/781-4540	
(4) SUBJECT Submittal of Inmate Welfare Fund Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year 2015-16. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached "Statement of Operations" for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(9) BUDGETED? N/A
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Sheriff - Coroner / Ian Parkinson/781-4540

DATE: 10/18/2016

SUBJECT: Submittal of Inmate Welfare Fund Statement of Operations for Fiscal Year 2015-16. All Districts.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors receive and file the attached "Statement of Operations" for the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund.

## **DISCUSSION**

Per California Penal Code Section 4025 an Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) is mandated to provide services essential to the benefit, welfare and educational needs of the inmates confined in the County Jail. Penal Code Section 4025(a) authorizes the Sheriff of each county to establish, maintain and operate a commissary in connection with the county jail and supply food, snacks, postage, writing materials, and toiletries items to sell for cash to inmates in the jail. Penal Code Section 4025 (e) requires the Sheriff to submit annually an itemized report of expenditures to the Board of Supervisors.

The inmate commissary is one of two primary sources of revenue for the IWF. In addition, telephone commissions are collected from collect calls made by inmates from the jail. These revenues are placed in an "Inmate Welfare Trust Fund" with authority for expenditures from this fund restricted to the Sheriff primarily for the benefit, education, and welfare of the inmates confined within the jail.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Services provided to the inmates are paid from the Inmate Welfare Fund at no cost to the County. The fund balance carried forward from Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15 in the amount of \$324,832, combined with \$327,743 in net FY 2015-16 revenues resulted in \$652,576 in fund balance available for the year. Total FY 2015-16 operating expenditures were \$243,674, plus \$8,221.03 in accounts payable clearing accounts for a total of \$251,895, resulting in an FY 2015-16 ending fund balance available of \$417,122. This reflected an increase in fund balance available for FY 2016-17 in the amount of \$92,290. See attached Inmate Welfare "Operating Statement" detailing how the funds were spent in FY 2015-16.

## **RESULTS**

During the FY 2015-16, the Inmate Welfare Fund continued to promote behavioral and medical health services. Exit medication in the amount of \$22,609 was provided to 275 inmates for 539 medication scripts, reflecting an average cost of \$82.21 per inmate and \$41.95 per script. The Sheriff's Office is committed in providing a ten day supply of psychotropic medication to mentally ill jail inmates who are released into the community. The continuance of psychotropic medication should allow for a stabilizing effect until the offender/patient is admitted to a community program. This practice assists the individual in resuming a normal life and ultimately reduces the burden of mentally ill patients on the criminal justice system.

Salaries and benefits in the amount of \$108,710 were paid from the Inmate Welfare Fund. This was for Storekeepers who operate the inmate commissary.

Inmate Welfare Funds allowed for the following purchases, reducing health and safety issues for the inmates and liability to the county:

1. Cost free transportation was provided to 3,076 inmates (this includes bus, and taxi transportation) being released from the county jail. It is the policy to provide transportation to indigent inmates released from the county jail.
2. Approximately \$27,619 was spent to procure legal reference material for inmates, providing inmates with required access to current and updated legal resources.
3. Funds in the amount of \$34,037.16 allowed inmates to receive educational and vocational training. Our goal is to provide targeted activities that reduce an inmate's likelihood to reoffend, and to assist inmates in their transition to the community by offering reentry planning that includes direct linkages to key services. To that end, the Sheriff's Office engages with community agencies and organizations that provide programs, services, and activities designed to address an array of needs. The Sheriff's Office purchases direct services, curriculum, supplies and materials for numerous classes and activities. The table below summarizes these programs and services.

<b>INMATE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING</b>
General Educational Development (GED) Program
Basic Education and English as a second language
Thinking for Change
Education Tutoring Services (Prep GED)
Vocational Welding Program
Parenting Classes
Sociology Class - Incarceration and Society
Grief Loss Class
Yoga and Meditation Classes
Alternative to Violence Program
Job Readiness Workshops
Mentoring and Re-Entry Assistance
Addiction and Recovery Programs
Vet to Vet Mentoring
Jail to Jobs Workshop
Spiritual Counseling
Art and Music Classes
Vocational Computer Training
Graphic Arts Program

Educational programs like General Educational Development (GED), Education Tutoring Services and Basic Education, help inmates develop foundational knowledge and skills in reading, math and written expression. Inmates are also provided programs like Art, Music, Yoga and Meditation, to enhance their general knowledge of various subjects and promotes the acquisition of positive leisure time skills and a healthy lifestyle. Vocational programs offer inmates the chance to learn or improve marketable job skills. The Sheriff's Office started a vocational graphic arts and engraving program for the inmates. The goal is for the program participants to leave the program ready to work in the graphic arts industry and move on to gain successful employment.

During the past fiscal year the average daily jail population was 603 and 11,018 people were booked into the county jail.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. FY 2015-16 Statement of Operations
2. FY 2015-16 Operating Statement