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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: John Alexander for Dan Cunningham - Director
Corrections
REPORT BY: Edward West, Correctional Corporal, 2598127
SUBJECT: Public Hearing - Corrections Department Fees

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Corrections requests adoption of a resolution establishing and increasing fees for the Work Furlough Program, Home Electronic Leash Program, Correctional Conservation Corps (CCC), and Weekender Program to reflect actual costs of program operations.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) has four fees involving inmates. These fees are related to Weekender Release, Correctional Conservation Corp (CCC), Work Furlough and the Home Electronic Leash Program. After reviewing the related expenses, these increase requests represent the actual costs of providing these programs. The Home Electronic Leash Program fees are based on a new agreement with Leaders in Community Corrections (LCA).

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	NCDC has four programs that charge fees for participation. It has been determined that an increase in these fees is justified to recover the actual costs of the programs. Correctional Conservation Corp (CCC): Currently at \$25 a day a fee increase to \$50 per day is needed to recover the associated costs of providing this program. Weekender Fee: Currently at \$25 a day a fee increase to \$50 per day is

needed to recover the associated costs of providing this program.

Work Furlough Application Fee: Currently at \$50 per applicant an increase to \$75 per applicant is needed to recover the associated costs of providing this program.

Home Electronic Leash Program: Fee approval req

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Mandatory
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	These fee increases will insure that Napa County will recover the costs associated with these programs. Napa County will receive \$3 per inmate per day to recover administrative costs associated with the program.
Consequences if not approved:	If not approved these programs will continue to draw from the General Fund to cover the deficits.
Additional Information:	None

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

NCDC has four fees involving inmates. With the recent increases in salaries and benefits, fee increases for these programs are justified as set out below.

CCC: Currently at \$25 a day it has been at the current level since the programs inception. The associated costs justify an increase to \$50 a day. CCC is very labor intensive program. The rise in labor expenses has driven this request.

Weekender Fees: The reception of a weekender basically amounts to a booking process on each weekend for each person. NCDC currently charge \$52 an inmate for booking fees to local law enforcement agencies. Staff suggests that we round off Weekender fees to \$50 per inmate per day which is an increase from \$25 per inmate per day.

Work Furlough Application fees: Currently Work Furlough fees amount to two different fees. Initially the inmate pays \$50 to apply for the Work Furlough Program. Once accepted the inmate pays 1-hours wages for each day they are in custody. The current average wage is \$13.50 a day.

The analysis shows that the daily fee is satisfactory. However there is a need for an increase in the application fee. The application process for NCDC is extensive. It involves back ground reviews along with a personal interview and then a review by a supervisor. A fee increase from \$50 to \$75 is needed to recover the associated costs.

Home Electronic Leash Program: NCDC is entering into an agreement with LCA. LCA provides 24 hours monitoring of inmates, selected by NCDC to be placed on Home Arrest. LCA offers 4 different

monitoring technologies. Each technology has a different fee attached. The technology used will be determined by NCDC and agreed to by the inmate.

The fees will vary as set out below.

Type of Monitoring	Fee Per day	LCA Portion	NCDC Portion
Radio Frequency Monitoring	\$18.00	\$15.00	\$3.00
Cellular Elect. Monitoring	\$21.00	\$18.00	\$3.00
Alcohol Monitoring Only	\$21.00	\$18.00	\$3.00
Alcohol & Elect. Monitoring	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$3.00

Indigent Inmates: State law prohibits the exclusion of an inmate from these programs based on their inability to pay. Inmates that are determined eligible, but unable to pay will be accepted into the appropriate program. The fees associated with the program that they are admitted to will be paid via the County's General Fund.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Fee Resolution

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi