

**Department of Corrections
FY23 Mid-Year Status Report**

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1	Population Management / Institution Director's Office	Increase Authority to Meet Operational Needs Supplemental	\$5,673.2 Gen Fund (UGF)	The legislature approved a supplemental request for increased Personal Services and Commodities costs which the agency will distribute to various institutions. In addition to the \$5,673.2 UGF increment requested as a supplemental, the legislature approved the administration's proposal to transfer \$4,000.0 that was projected to lapse from the Health and Rehabilitation Services appropriation at the end of FY22.	Is a supplemental expected in FY23 for this same purpose this coming session?	Yes, we are seeking supplemental authority to meet FY23 operational needs.
2	Various	Establish New Mental Health Unit at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center	\$1,663.4 Gen Fund (UGF) 11 PFT Positions	The new Mental Health Unit at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center will be staffed by five Correctional Officer I/II's, a Registered Nurse/Physician's Assistant, four Correctional Nurse I/II's, and one Mental Health Clinician I/II. Population Management - Combined Hiland Mountain Correctional Center: \$655.1 and 5 PFTs Health and Rehabilitation Services - Behavioral Health Care: \$1,008.3 and 6 PFTs	Has this unit been created? Have these positions been filled? What has been the impact on the inmate population?	The Mental Health Unit at the Combined Hiland Mountain Correctional Center was designed to be an integrated care unit providing routine medical care, infirmary level medical care and inpatient mental health services. All services are up and running with the exception of the medical infirmary. Plans are for the infirmary to be up and running by mid-February 2023. All positions have been established however the facility has been facing recruitment difficulties in filling all positions. Coverage has been provided through the use of state traveling employees, contract nursing and reassignment of existing security staff. The new Mental Health Unit has decreased the number of individuals awaiting mental health services along with drastically decreasing the wait times for admission.
3	Various	Establish New Booking Area at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center	\$1,224.3 Gen Fund (UGF) 9 PFT Positions	The agency began booking female inmates directly at the Hiland Mountain Correctional Center in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to allow the Anchorage Correctional Complex to focus on quarantine efforts upon intake. Population Management - Combined Hiland Mountain Correctional Center: \$748.3 and 6 PFTs Health and Rehabilitation Services - Physical Health Care: \$476.0.	Have these positions been recruited? What was the date of hire for these positions?	The booking area at the Combined Hiland Mountain Correctional Center (HMCC) is operational. The approved positions have been created and partially filled with 2 hires in early December 2022. We are currently in the recruitment process for the remaining positions. The opening of the new booking area has provided relief to the Anchorage Correctional Complex (ACC) and they are able to maximize the use of their limited booking cells, attorney visitation rooms, and increased the safety of staff and remands. It also reduced the need for daily transport of female prisoners and prisoner files to HMCC. In addition to these improvements, movement of booking to HMCC has improved patient screening and triage times for medical

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4	Population Management / Various	Add Institutional Support Positions and Funding to Support Booking and Property Staffing	\$829.1 Gen Fund (UGF) 9 PFT Positions	Criminal Justice Technician II positions are added to assume non-security functions that are currently performed by Correctional Officers.	Have these positions been recruited? What was the date of hire for these positions?	The Criminal Justice Technician positions approved have all been established are in various stages of the recruitment and selection process. The new position at the Point Mackenzie Correctional Farm was filled November 14, 2022. This position has relieved the officers of tasks associated with the inmate commissary/store, property, visitation, disciplinary board paperwork, and mail, freeing up officer time to focus on security.
5	Population Management / Pre-Trial Services	Increase Authority to meet Pre-Trial Services Contractual Obligations Supplemental	\$3,948.1 Gen Fund (UGF)	The legislature approved an FY22 Supplemental increment to cover increased costs related to Pre-Trial Services. The Governor's request states that "funding is needed to meet the projected expenditures for the Behavioral Intervention (BI) contract due to the increased number of persons placed on pre-trial electronic monitoring as well as the costs associated with the increase in lost and damaged equipment."	Is the number of persons placed on pre-trial electric monitoring continuing to increase?	The growth in pre-trial electronic monitoring (EM) placements has slowed and Pre-trial Services currently experiencing fluctuating, but steady numbers. In June of 2022 the Department entered into a new contract with Behavioral Intervention (BI) at slightly lower rates. The Department also continues its efforts to recover any lost devices in efforts to avoid increasing costs associated with lost and damaged equipment. However, the level of funding for Pre-trial Services continues to be insufficient to meet the projected expenditures for the BI contract.
6	Various	Structural change to the Recruitment Unit		Consolidated the Recruitment Unit to incorporate support positions and allow commissioned officers to do the recruitment work.	Did the consolidation and structure change prove effective? Did the actual vacancy rate improve? Have recruitment and retention efforts improved?	The structural changes made for the Recruitment and Retention Unit for FY2023 have increased our ability to utilize Correctional Officers to support recruitment and retention efforts. This effort has enhanced candidate outreach. While there continues to be a nationwide trend in recruiting difficulties for correctional officers, we have been able to maintain and slightly increase the number of candidates considered through the recruitment process.