

ZB02B
Local Jails and Detention Centers

Frederick County Detention Center (Frederick County)

GO Bonds

\$7,401,000

Recommendation: Approve

Bill Text: Provide a grant to the County Commissioners of Frederick County to assist in the Phase IV expansion and renovation of Frederick County Detention Center, subject to the requirement that the grantee provide an equal and matching fund for this purpose. Notwithstanding Section 1(5) of this Act, the matching fund may include funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.

Project Description: This request is for the State's share of funds for the construction of a new 112-bed inmate housing unit, and a new 24-bed centralized medical unit, roof replacement, and fire alarm system upgrade. The additions are necessary to alleviate overcrowding at the facility and represent completion of Phase IV of a five-phase improvement plan.

Comments: The total cost of the project is \$15,530,000. The State's share of the cost is \$7,765,000, or 50%. The State's share represents the statutory contribution to the overall cost of the project. The State's contribution is either 50% of eligible costs or 100% of the eligible costs depending on the length of stay of the inmates.

The current detention center, built in 1984, is designed to house 348 inmates and has an operational capacity of 399 inmates. The fiscal 2007 average daily population (ADP) for general population inmates was 416, meaning the facility was operating with an average of 17 inmates beyond its operational capacity on a daily basis. Population exceeded capacity by more than 20% for more than five months consecutively, and the average annual rate of growth has been nearly 5% over the past seven years. This project would provide 112 additional general population beds, increasing the operational capacity of the facility to 511 inmates. If the county's growth continues at the pace of the last seven years, the additional capacity would be fully utilized by 2014. Phase V would further increase capacity by adding 224 beds.

The county opened a work release facility in 2005, which provides 128 additional beds. Inmates, however, may only participate in the work release program and be housed in the work release facility if they are court authorized to participate in the work release program. The work release facility cannot be used to house general population inmates. In fiscal 2007, the work release facility operated under its capacity by an average of 43 inmates, with an ADP of only 85. **The county should comment on what efforts are being made to work with the judicial system to maximize use of the work release program, as an average of 43 work release beds went unused in fiscal 2007.**

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In addition to increasing bed capacity, the project would also improve support space and functions by adding a new 24-bed centralized medical unit, a new roof, and a new fire alarm system. The current medical unit is in an area originally designed for inmate housing and cannot sustain the increase in inmate population experienced over the past several years. There is currently a lack of storage for supplies and medical records, no waiting area in the interview rooms for medical screenings, and an exam room which accommodates only one inmate at a time. The existing roof does not meet county standards and has roofing contractors on-site an average of twice per month for the past two years to address problem areas. The existing fire alarm system also does not meet current code and cannot be expanded to meet the needs of the proposed and future housing additions.

Prior authorization of \$364,000 was awarded in fiscal 2006 to assist in design of the project, and the program plan has been approved. Construction is scheduled to begin in December 2008, with completion by March of 2010, for a total construction time of 15 months.

Project Data

(\$ in Millions)

<i>Description</i>	<i>Prior Authorization</i>	<i>2009 Request</i>	<i>Future Request</i>	<i>Total</i>
Planning	\$0.748	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.748
Construction	0.000	14.633	0.000	14.633
Equipment	0.000	0.149	0.000	0.149
Total	\$0.748	\$14.782	\$0.000	\$15.530
State 50.0%	\$0.364	\$7.401	\$0.000	\$7.765
Match 50.0%	\$0.384	\$7.381	\$0.000	\$7.765

Total State Project Cost: \$7,765,000 **State % Match:** 50.0%

Gross Square Footage: 29,812 **Net Usable Square Footage:** 16,461

Approved Program Plan: Yes **Estimated Completion Date:** March 2010

Recommended Actions

Approve.