

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION

Enabling Laws

Act 2304 of 2005

Act 531 and 548 of 1993

A.C.A. §12-27-124 and A.C.A. §12-27-125

History and Organization

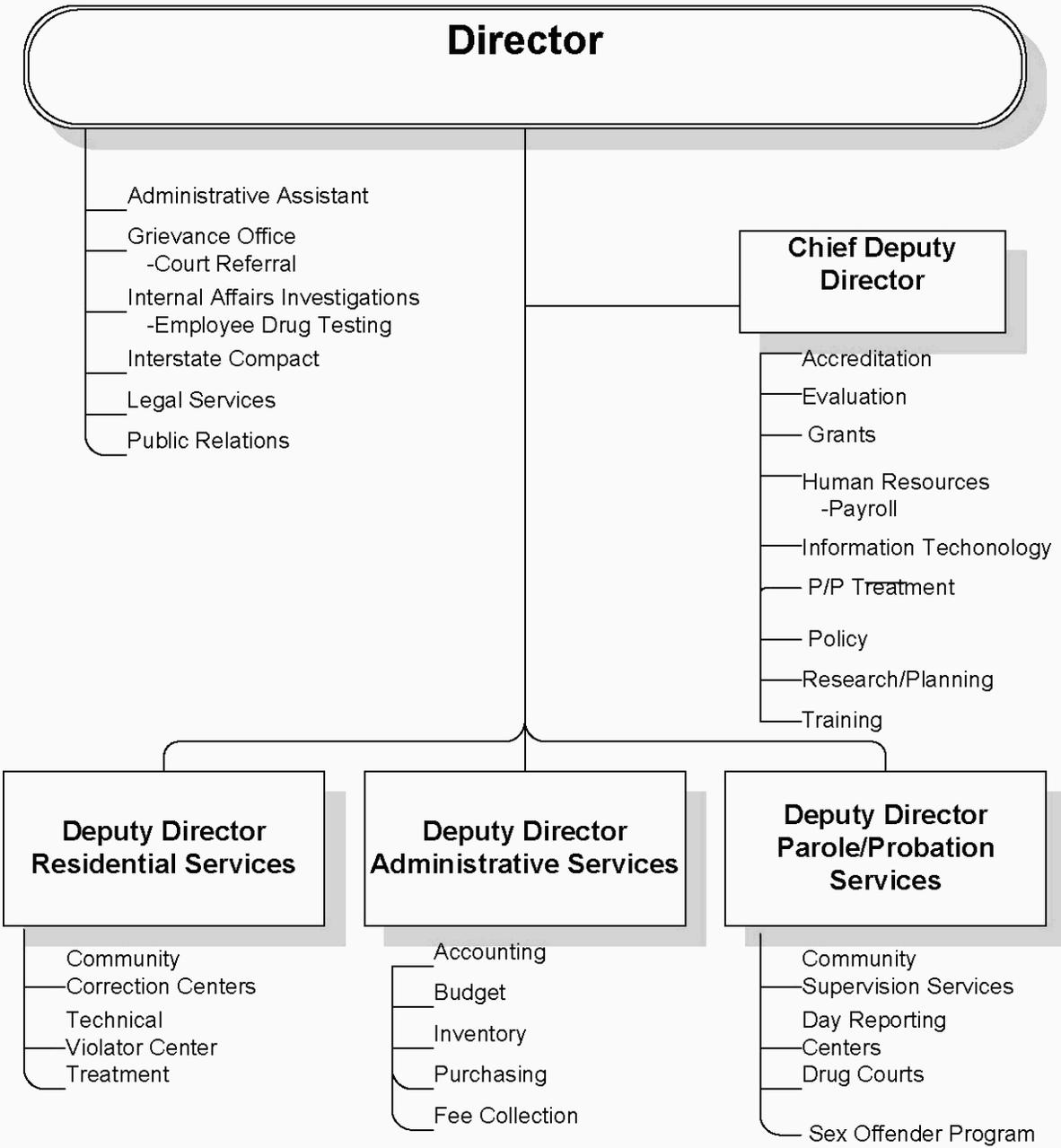
The Department of Community Punishment (DCP) was established during the 79th General Assembly by Act 549 of 1993. This combined the Board of Correction and the Adult Probation Commission into the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to oversee correctional facilities and programs in the State. The mission statement of the Board of Correction and Community Punishment is "Fulfill the mandates of the court through the use of confinement, treatment, and supervision in a safe and humane manner, while providing offenders the opportunity for positive change, thus contributing to public safety." Acts 531 and 548 of 1993 (Community Punishment Act) promote alternatives to traditional prisons by offering a well - rounded approach to community corrections through the use of supervision, facilities and programs for low-risk offenders. The Department of Community Punishment is now the state department responsible for adult probation and parole services and community residential facilities for non-violent offenders. In 2001, legislation passed that changed the name of the DCP to the Department of Community Correction (DCC) to better reflect the mission statement of the Department: *"To promote public safety and a crime-free lifestyle by providing cost effective community-based sanctions, and enforcing State laws and court mandates in the supervision of adult offenders."*

Some of the programs of the Department include community supervision and work programs, economic sanctions, electronic monitoring and tracking, community service, restitution, substance abuse and mental health treatment, educational and vocational programs, job skills, life skills training programs, day reporting, drug courts and technical violator programs. To be admitted to a community correction center, one must have either a suspended imposition of sentence, probation, judicial transfer or technical violation.

The Agency uses a modified therapeutic community in the residential centers. The concept incorporates a level system to resocialize residents using behavior modification, cognitive restructuring (including criminal thinking), resident education, an experimental environment 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Other components of this model include positive peer pressure, specialized programming, privileges, consequences, and staff role modeling. Residents are trained to handle specific functions, including food service, maintenance, laundry, and gardening at each facility.

The DCC has 1210 funded positions. The organizational structure of the Agency includes a Director, a Chief Deputy Director, a Deputy Director of Residential Services, a Deputy Director of Probation and Parole services, and a Deputy Director of Administrative Services. The Director oversees the agency operation and directly supervises the deputies, staff attorney, public relations officer, interstate compact, and internal investigations. The Chief Deputy Director is responsible for the training,

information technology systems, payroll & personnel, research and evaluation, grant administration, and probation/parole treatment programs. The Deputy Director of Residential Services oversees the operations of the four community correction centers and one technical violator facility. These residential facilities have a total bed capacity of 1515. The Deputy Director of Probation and Parole Services supervise the statewide operation of probation and parole services. There are approximately 50,329 offenders supervised by Probation/Parole Services staff in 50 offices statewide. The Deputy Director of Administrative Services oversees budget, accounting, centralized fee collections, inventory, leasing, and purchasing.



Agency Commentary

The Arkansas Department of Community Correction (DCC) is responsible for the administration and operation of residential community correction facilities, and supervision of adult offenders placed on probation and parole. DCC also provides substance abuse and mental health treatment or education to offenders to aid in rehabilitation and provide alternatives to criminal behavior and traditional prison.

The Arkansas Department of Community Correction Mission Statement: “To promote public safety and a crime-free lifestyle by providing cost-effective community-based sanctions, and enforcing State laws and court mandates in the supervision and treatment of adult offenders.”

The DCC Director reports directly to the Board of Corrections and is responsible for the agency's operation and mission. The Chief Deputy Director oversees and directs the activities of human resources, information technology, research /planning, policy development, probation/parole treatments, training, accreditation/evaluation, grant writing and administration, and management of the agency in the Director's absence.

DCC has developed the following agency goals and programs:

1. Residential Services;
2. Probation and Parole Community Supervision; and
3. Administration and Support.

The budget request conforms to these goals:

Goal 1: To provide appropriate and effective supervision and treatment for offenders in the community.

Goal 2: To provide for the confinement, care, control and treatment of offenders sentenced to or confined in community correction centers in a adequate, safe and secure environment.

Goal 3: To develop and implement sanctions, traditional and faith-based programs, and services needed to function within the scope of the mission.

Goal 4: To improve staff recruiting, retention and efforts.

The operating appropriations provide for administrative and executive staff, security staff, probation/parole officers, treatment programs, general maintenance, and replacement of aged equipment, inflationary operational costs of existing programs and facilities, expansion of existing facilities, and the opening of a fifth strategically located residential center.

Change Level requests for each DCC Program are summarized as follows:

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAM:

- **C02 Expansion of the Southeast Center** -The DCC Southeast Center (SEACCC) has a population capacity of 350 female offenders and continues to grow at an average of 4.5 offenders per month. DCC has internally exhausted expansion efforts to accommodate this rapidly growing female population. During the 85th General Assembly, Act 682 of 2005 passed allowing offenders who successfully complete the DCC residential treatment program to be released early to community supervision. Pursuant to the findings of a June 2006 study of FY05 Female Recidivism at the SEACCC, the recidivism rate is 19.3%. As of May, 2006, this allowed 127 females to serve 10,284 days less on their original period of confinement. As of June 30, 2006, there were 167 female offenders waiting to enter the DCC center. Expansion of the facility would relieve the back up in the jails, allow DCC to comply with court orders,

and initiate much needed treatment programs in a timely manner, which would have a greater impact on the offender becoming a law abiding citizen.

This request is for the construction of a building to add 100 beds to the existing female campus, and for equipment, furniture, clothing, additional food, utility cost, and increase in the medical contract. This will include 13 new security (correction officers II) and 6 new treatment (counselors & substance abuse program leader) positions.

Opening of the Washington County Center - The DCC operates three male community correction centers with a capacity of 875. As of June 30, 2006, there were 252 males backed up in county jails. The average growth of male offenders is 7.4 per month. Pursuant to the findings of a June 2006 study of FY05 Male Recidivism at Community Correction Centers, the male recidivism rate is 29.9%. DCC has internally exhausted efforts to accommodate this rapidly growing male population. During the 85th General Assembly, Act 682 of 2005 passed allowing offenders to be released to community supervision after successful completion of the agency's treatment program. As of May 2006, there were 420 offenders released early, reducing the number of days confined by 36,415. Approximately 45% of all admissions to community correction centers come from Sebastian, Washington, Benton, and Crawford Counties. The only correctional unit located in Northwest Arkansas is a small work release center located in Springdale operated by the Department of Correction (DOC). For several years, the DOC and DCC tried unsuccessfully to locate a unit or correctional center in this part of the State. General Improvement Funds were approved in the 85th General Assembly to pay utility expenses on the old Washington County Jail, anticipating that funding would be provided to open a community correction center in the 2008-2009 biennium.

The request is for the renovation and operation (building materials, equipment, furniture, clothing, additional food and vehicles, utility costs and increase in the medical contract) of an existing facility (Washington County Jail) to house 170 males. This will require 76 new positions to provide security (46), treatment (11) and administration (19).

- **Maintenance and Operation** - With inflationary cost of approximately 40% for utilities compared with FY05, and the ever increasing cost of natural gas, the DCC Community Correction Centers (which include the Central Arkansas Community Correction Center in Little Rock, the Southeast Arkansas Community Correction Center in Pine Bluff, the Southwest Arkansas Community Correction Center in Texarkana, the Northeast Arkansas Community Correction Center in Osceola, and the Omega Technical Violator Center in Malvern) have seen a significant increase in utilities, as well as vehicle fuel at a 15% increase, and food purchases for the residents has increased 35%. We are requesting an increase in these line items.
- **New/Replacement Equipment** - Two of the DCC units are 58 or more years old. The Texarkana center was constructed in 1948. The Southeast Arkansas Center was constructed well before that and was formerly the old Boys Training School operated by the Department of Youth Services. DCC assumed it in 1994. Subsequently, many problems have been experienced with sewer lines, electricity, roof disrepair, waterlines,

and general maintenance. The agency request includes replacement of old institutional furnishings for existing facilities and placement of furnishings for the new center, as well as, equipment, expansion of sewer systems, alarm systems, lawnmowers and replace high mileage vehicles.

- **Cash Fund Appropriation** - The request for the increase in the cash fund appropriation is needed for stocking the commissary to accommodate the expansion of the Southeast Center; and start-up cost and stocking of the commissary for the opening of a new center in Washington County (Fayetteville).
- **Federal Programs** - The Agency is requesting appropriation for federal funding to continue programs such as the Serious and Violent Offender Grant and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment program that the agency has received and anticipates funding through FY08. This request also includes anticipated funding from new grants for treatment oriented programs.
- **County Jail Reimbursement** - DCC paid approximately \$2.8 million to county jails for offenders waiting in local jails for bed space in a DCC correctional center. The DCC residential offender population growth rate was approximately 13 offenders per month during the last fiscal year. With this growth rate and anticipation of continued growth of at least 13 monthly, the agency is requesting appropriation for the county jail reimbursement to provide reimbursement to the county jails at a rate determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to be paid upon the availability of funds.

PROBATION/PAROLE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION PROGRAMS

- **CO2 - Transitional Housing** - During the 85th General Assembly, legislation Acts 678 and 1378 of 2005 passed requiring facilities that house one or more offenders to be licensed by the DCC. This legislative mandate was necessary to ensure that facilities housing offenders are safe, secure, and meet local and State regulations, and building codes. Currently, the DCC has licensed 28 transitional living program facilities under this legislation. Since enactment, the DCC has had to pull probation/parole officers and other staff from their regular duties to conduct reviews of applications and facilities making application for a Transitional Housing Facility License. The time required to gear up is tremendous. Additionally, according to Board of Corrections policy, each license must be renewed annually. This will require continuous onsite monitoring and review. It is critical that parole/probation officers maintain order and consistency in supervision and application of rules and regulations governing supervision of offenders. The project is labor intensive, requiring additional, full time staff. Therefore, DCC requests 6 new positions to allow for dedicated staff to oversee and monitor this function, and allow Probation/Parole staff to return to their assigned caseload management duties. The request is for the maintenance and operation for these positions to include utilities, office space, furniture and equipment.

Additionally, Act 679 of 2005, allowed for the early release of ADC offenders and for offenders past their transfer or parole eligibility dates due to the absence of a suitable parole plan (contingent upon funding availability). The DOC transferred \$2 million

(one-time funding) to the DCC to set up a pilot program, primarily to alleviate some of the overcrowding caused by those who were approved to leave but had no place to go. An Regional Facility Punishment plan for the initial funds is already in place for the provision of services.

The request includes a total of \$3,000,000 for each year of the biennium for the transitional housing fees that will be paid to the service providers. The additional funding will allow the Agency to continue the program, having a definite impact on the prison jail backup. Specifically, it would allow placement of approximately 342 offenders (@ \$24 a day) at any given time.

- **Existing Probation/Parole Offices** - Annually, DCC parole/probation officers spend approximately 10% (over 71,000 hours) of their time transporting offenders to the technical violator facility in Malvern and jails statewide, as well as searching for jail space for offenders that must be confined. This request is being made in an attempt to free up these officers so that they can return to their supervision duties, and create 7 positions to transport offenders statewide and to extradite Arkansas offenders out of state. With the overall addition of new officers, and to address current supervisory needs, DCC will need 7 Assistant Area Managers for existing offices to bring the supervisor to officer ratio to the required American Correctional Association standard of 1:10, and to maintain accreditation. This request includes the maintenance and operation for these positions to include utilities, office space, furniture, equipment, vehicles, and vehicle insurance.
- **Drug Courts** - Currently, 14 of the 37 existing drug courts have reached their capacities, in terms of caseload. According to a recent survey and a series of meetings with drug court judges this past year, the primary needs raised were expansion of services and residential substance abuse treatment. The existing courts have an average caseload growth of 5% per month. Because of the intensity of the program supervision, the standard officer to client ratio is 1:30. May 2006 reports on existing programs indicate that of the 1307 clients that have gone through the drug courts, approximately 812 would have been sentenced to prison had it not been for the alternative sentencing available to the judges. It is important that courts are able to impose appropriate intermediate sanctions for violations in the drug court program. Currently, the only option for serious violations is revocation to the DOC or DCC. Approximately 10% of the population require residential treatment. The number one priority shared by drug court judges is the need for "residential treatment" for clients. To address the expansion need, the DCC is requesting 17 Probation/Parole Officers and 17 Counselors to expand on the existing courts. The request includes the maintenance and operation cost for these positions to include office space, utilities, furniture, equipment, vehicles, drug testing supplies and equipment.
- **Sex Offender Program** - As of June 30, 2006, DCC supervises over 1,700 sex offenders under community supervision. Approximately 2,000 more are in the custody of the DOC subject to release to the DCC, and 97 are past their parole or transfer eligibility dates but cannot be released due to inadequate release plans. Of the number under supervision, approximately 710 are level 3 and 4 (most serious) sex offenders.

DCC is currently operating this program with 10 specialized staff. This caseload is increasing at an average rate of 5% per month. The primary focus is concentrated on the 212 more serious offenders. Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2006 requires Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) monitoring of serious, violent sex offenders. The nature of the crimes these offenders committed require more one on one, intense case management. The current growth of this population requires additional staff to address safety and risk issues. GPS monitoring requires additional funding, along with funding for overtime, (instead of increasing staff) due to the fact that these monitoring stations will be open 24 hours a day 7 days a week, and will require timely response to violations.

The request is for 15 specialized positions to expand the Sex Offender Program. This request includes just over \$3.1 million for the biennium to establish GPS monitoring and supervision, maintenance and operation cost for these positions, expenses for a 16 week required certification training that is out of state and specialized monitoring equipment, office space, utilities, furniture, office equipment and vehicles.

- **Administration & Support Programs** - Currently, DCC has 2 full time employees devoted to conducting research and evaluation of agency programs and activity. This staff has conducted recidivism studies for probation, parole, male and female residential programs, grant program reviews, a drug court program study, coordinates the agency disaster plan, publishes the agency publications, and is currently in the process of conducting reviews of the sex offender profiles, recidivism, drug court recidivism/assessment of program and benefits, and study of the special needs unit. An additional position is needed to meet and maintain this schedule and increased workload. The request is for 1 Management Project Analyst I/II position, equipment, and furniture.
- **CO8 - Information Technology (IT)** - The DCC IT request is consistent with and reflects needs significant to meeting and maintaining compliance with the IT plan. IT resources must support mission critical agency functions such as eOMIS (electronic Offender Management Information System), AASIS, and comply with Chief Information Office standards. DCC has over 1000 computers, with just under 413 being 6-9 years old. The approved agency IT plan standard is to replace computers every 3 to 5 years. The DCC continues to work towards that standard, as is reflected in the IT request for replacement of 413 computers, and an additional position for the Agency's Management Information System (MIS) section to assist with the network administration, hardware maintenance, and user issues. This position will also be involved in the maintenance of the Departments' information systems.
- **SPECIAL LANGUAGE** - Continuation of current special language is requested with appropriate revisions.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
AUDIT OF :
ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Findings	Recommendations
None	None

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	302	380	682	62 %
Black Employees	114	297	411	37 %
Other Racial Minorities	2	10	12	1 %
Total Minorities			423	38 %
Total Employees			1,105	100 %

Publications

A.C.A 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# Of Copies	Reason (s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Administrative Regulations	ACA §25-15-204	N	Y	178	To comply with the Administrative Procedures Act; Provide guidance to staff and offenders under Agency jurisdiction; and to accommodate any public request.
DCC Annual Report	ACA §12-27-125 ACA § 12-27-126 ACA §13-2-212	N	N	178	To provide report of progress toward the agency mission; also to comply with statute governing State & Local Government Publications Clearinghouse to the State Library.

Department Appropriation Summary

		Historical Data						Agency Request and Executive Recommendation							
Appropriation		2005-2006		2006-2007		2006-2007		2007-2008				2008-2009			
		Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
1BA	Community Correction - Federal	387,499	1	2,071,370	1	2,443,047	1	4,214,206	1	4,214,206	1	4,216,543	1	4,216,543	1
1BR	Residents Cash Treasury	1,193,625	0	1,287,534	0	1,287,534	0	1,562,024	0	1,562,024	0	1,882,024	0	1,882,024	0
2GH	Community Correction-Special	4,680,613	73	8,874,967	116	7,191,635	116	9,543,901	116	9,543,901	116	9,297,499	116	9,297,499	116
2GK	County Jail Reimbursement	1,999,970	0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	3,872,335	0	3,872,335	0	4,059,568	0	4,059,568	0
510	Community Correction - State	53,658,318	1,112	53,524,869	1,083	54,569,150	1,083	76,100,742	1,229	68,252,627	1,215	74,698,154	1,248	68,712,627	1,215
Total		61,920,025	1,186	67,758,740	1,200	67,491,366	1,200	95,293,208	1,346	87,445,093	1,332	94,153,788	1,365	88,168,261	1,332

Funding Sources			%		%		%		%		%		%		
Fund Balance	4000005	5,154,050	7.2	9,759,472	13.1			6,844,487	6.9	6,844,487	7.7	3,375,055	3.6	3,375,055	3.9
General Revenue	4000010	54,950,694	76.7	55,000,172	73.7			79,571,931	80.6	69,851,481	78.5	78,356,576	82.7	70,311,481	81.1
Federal Revenue	4000020	387,499	0.5	2,071,370	2.8			4,214,206	4.3	4,214,206	4.7	4,216,543	4.5	4,216,543	4.9
Special Revenue	4000030	7,275,716	10.2	6,197,516	8.3			6,275,842	6.4	6,275,842	7.1	6,528,788	6.9	6,528,788	7.5
Cash Fund	4000045	1,574,234	2.2	1,482,868	2.0			1,761,797	1.8	1,761,797	2.0	2,275,170	2.3	2,275,170	2.6
Merit Adjustment Fund	4000055	0	0.0	36,829	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
DFA Motor Vehicle Acquisition	4000184	227,304	0.3	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
General Improvement	4000265	110,000	0.2	55,000	0.1			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transfer to Corrections	4000607	2,000,000	2.7	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Total Funds		71,679,497	100.0	74,603,227	100.0			98,668,263	100.0	88,947,813	100.0	94,752,132	100.0	86,707,037	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(9,759,472)		(6,844,487)				(3,375,055)		(1,502,720)		(598,344)		1,461,224	
Grand Total		61,920,025		67,758,740				95,293,208		87,445,093		94,153,788		88,168,261	

Actual and/or Budgeted Number of Positions may exceed the Authorized Number due to the flexibility inherent in the authorization of all positions through one salary section in appropriation acts. Ending balance for FY08 does not equal the beginning balance for FY09 due to unfunded appropriation in 2GK County Jail Reimbursement appropriation. FY07 Budget exceeds Authorized in 2GH - Community Correction-Special due to a reallocation of resources transfer from the Department of Correction by authority of Section 22 of Act 2035 of 2005.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2004-2005						FY2005-2006						FY2006-2007					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
1,152	1,030	97	1,127	25	10.59%	1,200	1,093	107	1,200	0	8.92%	1,200	1,105	95	1,200	0	7.92%

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 1BA - Community Correction - Federal

Funding Sources: FPF-Federal Fund

This Appropriation is funded by federal funds. It provides support for several Federal Grant Programs. The Programs are for Offender Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Treatment, Drug Court, Serious and Violent Offenders, Transitional Housing and preparation for release from incarceration with follow up. The Agency anticipates the grants to continue during the next biennium.

A cost of living increase is not incorporated in Base Level pending the outcome of the Classification and Compensation Study. FY07 salary levels have been held flat each year for all incumbents. Personal Services Matching may reflect increases in the Base Level due to the Social Security Tax maximum income limit and certain increases in Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Tax rates. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$30 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$350 per month.

The Base Level Request is \$2,071,768 in both FY08 and in FY09.

The Change Level requests submitted are \$2,142,438 in FY08 and \$2,144,775 in FY09 and are summarized as follows:

1. Operating Expenses increase of \$56,438 in FY08 and \$58,775 in FY09 for equipment, office and health and medical supplies, and educational materials.
2. Conference and Travel Expense of \$6,000 each year of the Biennium. Training provided in the grants for the counselors and grant administrators which keeps employee's certifications current.
3. Professional Fees for services and equipment needs of \$2,080,000 in FY08 and FY09. This is for contracts with vendors to house offenders from the Serious and Violent Grant and for the Women and Children Transitional Housing Grant.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 1BA Community Correction - Federal
Funding Sources: FPF-Federal Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007	2007-2008			2008-2009		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	38,141	61,921	340,516	61,921	61,921	61,921	61,921	61,921	61,921
#Positions		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Personal Services Matching	5010003	14,747	16,342	109,424	16,740	16,740	16,740	16,740	16,740	16,740
Operating Expenses	5020002	121,125	147,495	147,495	147,495	203,933	203,933	147,495	206,270	206,270
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	11,870	68,415	68,415	68,415	74,415	74,415	68,415	74,415	74,415
Professional Fees	5060010	201,616	1,130,386	1,130,386	1,130,386	3,210,386	3,210,386	1,130,386	3,210,386	3,210,386
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	0	646,811	646,811	646,811	646,811	646,811	646,811	646,811	646,811
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		387,499	2,071,370	2,443,047	2,071,768	4,214,206	4,214,206	2,071,768	4,216,543	4,216,543
Funding Sources										
Federal Revenue	4000020	387,499	2,071,370		2,071,768	4,214,206	4,214,206	2,071,768	4,216,543	4,216,543
Total Funding		387,499	2,071,370		2,071,768	4,214,206	4,214,206	2,071,768	4,216,543	4,216,543
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		387,499	2,071,370		2,071,768	4,214,206	4,214,206	2,071,768	4,216,543	4,216,543

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 1BA-Community Correction - Federal

Funding Sources: FPF-Federal Fund

Agency Request

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	2,071,768	1	2,071,768	100.0	2,071,768	1	2,071,768	100.0
C01	Existing Program	2,142,438	0	4,214,206	203.4	2,144,775	0	4,216,543	203.5

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	2,071,768	1	2,071,768	100.0	2,071,768	1	2,071,768	100.0
C01	Existing Program	2,142,438	0	4,214,206	203.4	2,144,775	0	4,216,543	203.5

Justification

C01 Continuation of current federal grants (i.e. Women in Transitional Housing Grant, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant and Serious and Violent Offender Grant). The Transitional Housing is a program to reunite women with their children when they are released from prison. The Agency has been coordinating and administering for three State Agencies, a Serious and Violent Offender Grant. This Grant tries to place eligible offenders in suitable community environments. Due to the nature of this grant and the difficulty of finding suitable community housing it has been amended and is now more focused on juvenile offenders under the jurisdiction of the Department of Youth Services.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 1BR - Residents Cash Treasury

Funding Sources: NCC-Cash in Treasury

The Residential Services appropriation provides for the operation of the Community Correction Facilities Commissaries. These are self-supporting operations in which residents can purchase various commissary supplies, primarily snack foods, in the Agency's various units. This cash funded appropriation also utilizes the proceeds from the coin-less telephone program in which the Agency receives partial reimbursement from the telephone company for phone calls made by the residents. The proceeds are used to restock the commissaries and purchase items of mutual benefit to all residents. The appropriation is also used for resident assistance projects, security equipment, long term needs, and general operations.

The Agency is requesting Base Level of \$1,287,534 in both FY08 and FY09.

The Change Level request of \$274,490 in FY08 and \$594,490 in FY09 is for the expansion of the commissary at the female unit in the Southeast Arkansas Center at Pine Bluff, and opening, operating and stocking of the commissary for the new male unit in Washington County.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 1BR Residents Cash Treasury
Funding Sources: NCC-Cash in Treasury

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007	2007-2008			2008-2009		
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses 5020002	1,169,884	1,187,534	1,187,534	1,187,534	1,428,659	1,428,659	1,187,534	1,717,354	1,717,354
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	10,535	50,000	50,000	50,000	57,875	57,875	50,000	62,870	62,870
Professional Fees 5060010	13,206	50,000	50,000	50,000	75,490	75,490	50,000	101,800	101,800
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,193,625	1,287,534	1,287,534	1,287,534	1,562,024	1,562,024	1,287,534	1,882,024	1,882,024
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	696,588	706,907		469,373	469,373	469,373	268,000	268,000	268,000
Cash Fund 4000045	1,203,944	1,050,000		1,086,161	1,360,651	1,360,651	1,279,534	1,874,024	1,874,024
Total Funding	1,900,532	1,756,907		1,555,534	1,830,024	1,830,024	1,547,534	2,142,024	2,142,024
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(706,907)	(469,373)		(268,000)	(268,000)	(268,000)	(260,000)	(260,000)	(260,000)
Grand Total	1,193,625	1,287,534		1,287,534	1,562,024	1,562,024	1,287,534	1,882,024	1,882,024

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 1BR-Residents Cash Treasury

Funding Sources: NCC-Cash in Treasury

Agency Request

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	1,287,534	0	1,287,534	100.0	1,287,534	0	1,287,534	100.0
C02	New Program	274,490	0	1,562,024	121.3	594,490	0	1,882,024	146.1

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	1,287,534	0	1,287,534	100.0	1,287,534	0	1,287,534	100.0
C02	New Program	274,490	0	1,562,024	121.3	594,490	0	1,882,024	146.1

Justification

C02	The request is for the expansion of the Commissary at the female unit in the Southeast Arkansas Center at Pine Bluff, and opening, operating and stocking of the Commissary for the new male unit in Washington County.
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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2GH - Community Correction-Special

Funding Sources: SPF-Community Correction Revolving Fund

The Department of Community Correction is responsible for adult probation and parole services. This appropriation is utilized to support these services as well as special programs primarily for alcohol and drug and mental health treatment. The fees also provide for safety equipment, vehicles, and drug testing supplies. The special revenue supporting this appropriation includes fees and sanctions levied by the courts or authorized by the Board of Corrections and paid by offenders. The probation/parole fee is \$25 each month.

A cost of living increase is not incorporated in Base Level pending the outcome of the Classification and Compensation Study. FY07 salary levels have been held flat each year for all incumbents. Personal Services Matching may reflect increases in the Base Level due to the Social Security Tax maximum income limit and certain increases in Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Tax rates. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$30 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$350 per month.

The Base Level request is \$8,922,768 in FY08 and in FY09.

The Change Level requests of \$621,133 in FY08 and \$374,731 in FY09 will allow for the replacement of 45 vehicles in FY08 and 25 vehicles in FY09. These vehicles are several years old and have high mileage. These vehicles are assigned to probation/parole supervision offices and counselors. The officers and counselors are required to travel to conduct daily home and worksite visits. Several of the vehicle are used in transporting offenders.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 2GH Community Correction-Special
Funding Sources: SPF-Community Correction Revolving Fund

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2005-2006 Actual	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Authorized	2007-2008			2008-2009		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	1,942,966	3,570,626	3,819,920	3,570,626	3,570,626	3,570,626	3,570,626	3,570,626	3,570,626
#Positions	73	116	116	116	116	116	116	116	116
Personal Services Matching 5010003	642,927	1,162,455	1,229,829	1,210,256	1,210,256	1,210,256	1,210,256	1,210,256	1,210,256
Operating Expenses 5020002	153,417	153,417	153,417	153,417	153,417	153,417	153,417	153,417	153,417
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	836	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Professional Fees 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	621,133	621,133	0	374,731	374,731
War Memorial Stadium Comm 5900046	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Community Correction Prog 5900047	1,930,467	3,977,469	1,977,469	3,977,469	3,977,469	3,977,469	3,977,469	3,977,469	3,977,469
Total	4,680,613	8,874,967	7,191,635	8,922,768	9,543,901	9,543,901	8,922,768	9,297,499	9,297,499
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	4,457,462	9,052,565		6,375,114	6,375,114	6,375,114	3,107,055	3,107,055	3,107,055
Special Revenue 4000030	7,275,716	6,197,516		5,654,709	6,275,842	6,275,842	6,154,057	6,528,788	6,528,788
Transfer to Corrections 4000607	2,000,000	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding	13,733,178	15,250,081		12,029,823	12,650,956	12,650,956	9,261,112	9,635,843	9,635,843
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(9,052,565)	(6,375,114)		(3,107,055)	(3,107,055)	(3,107,055)	(338,344)	(338,344)	(338,344)
Grand Total	4,680,613	8,874,967		8,922,768	9,543,901	9,543,901	8,922,768	9,297,499	9,297,499

FY07 Budget exceeds Authorized in 2GH - Community Correction-Special due to a reallocation of resources transfer from the Department of Correction by authority of Section 22 of Act 2035 of 2005.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 2GH-Community Correction-Special
Funding Sources: SPF-Community Correction Revolving Fund

Agency Request

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	8,922,768	116	8,922,768	100.0	8,922,768	116	8,922,768	100.0
C01	Existing Program	621,133	0	9,543,901	106.9	374,731	0	9,297,499	104.2

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	8,922,768	116	8,922,768	100.0	8,922,768	116	8,922,768	100.0
C01	Existing Program	621,133	0	9,543,901	106.9	374,731	0	9,297,499	104.2

Justification

C01 This request will allow for the replacement of older, high mileage vehicles in the Agency's fleet. These vehicles are assigned to probation/parole supervision offices and counselors. The officers and counselors are required to travel to conduct daily home and worksite visits. The special revenues are the supervision fees collected from the offenders who are on probation/parole, in drug court and interstate compact. The fees provide for safety equipment, vehicles, and drug testing supplies.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 2GK - County Jail Reimbursement

Funding Sources: MCJ-County Jail Reimbursement Fund

With Act 16 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of 2003, the 84th General Assembly provided Jail Reimbursement to Counties by the Department of Community Correction. Before this, only Department of Correction could provide Jail Reimbursements to the Counties. In the event that the Department of Correction or Department of Community Correction could not accept inmates from county jails due to insufficient bed space, each Agency would have to reimburse the counties for housing the inmates.

The Change Level request for the Department of Community Correction totals \$1,872,335 in FY08 and \$2,059,568 in FY09. This appropriation is funded by general revenue.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request in appropriation only.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 2GK County Jail Reimbursement
Funding Sources: MCJ-County Jail Reimbursement Fund

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2005-2006	2006-2007	2006-2007	2007-2008			2008-2009		
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Refunds/Reimbursements 5110014	1,999,970	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	3,872,335	3,872,335	2,000,000	4,059,568	4,059,568
Total	1,999,970	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	3,872,335	3,872,335	2,000,000	4,059,568	4,059,568
Funding Sources									
General Revenue 4000010	1,999,970	2,000,000		2,000,000	3,872,335	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,059,568	2,000,000
Total Funding	1,999,970	2,000,000		2,000,000	3,872,335	2,000,000	2,000,000	4,059,568	2,000,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	1,872,335	0	0	2,059,568
Grand Total	1,999,970	2,000,000		2,000,000	3,872,335	3,872,335	2,000,000	4,059,568	4,059,568

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 2GK-County Jail Reimbursement
Funding Sources: MCJ-County Jail Reimbursement Fund

Agency Request

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	100.0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	100.0
C01	Existing Program	1,872,335	0	3,872,335	193.6	2,059,568	0	4,059,568	202.9

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	100.0	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	100.0
C01	Existing Program	1,872,335	0	3,872,335	193.6	2,059,568	0	4,059,568	202.9

Justification

C01	An incremental increase each year of the biennium is requested for payment of county jail reimbursements. The request was calculated on the basis of current and planned bed capacity and a projected population growth of 4.5 females and 7.4 males per month. This request is for projected additional amounts above Base Level that will be needed to pay counties for housing State inmates.
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Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 510 - Community Correction - State

Funding Sources: HCP-Department of Community Correction Fund

The Department of Community Punishment (DCP) was established during the 79th General Assembly by Act 549 of 1993, which combined the Board of Correction and the Adult Probation Commission into the Board of Correction and Community Punishment to oversee correctional facilities and programs in the State. The Department of Community Punishment is now the state agency responsible for adult probation, parole services, and the new community correctional facilities for non-violent offenders. In 2001, legislation was passed that changed the name of the DCP to the Department of Community Correction (DCC) to better reflect the mission statement of the Department: "To promote a crime-free lifestyle by providing community-based sanctions in a cost-effective manner, and enforcing State laws and court mandates in the supervision of adult offenders remanded to the Department of Community Correction."

The Department is charged with providing an alternative to traditional prison incarceration for non-violent offenders. To be admitted to community correction facilities and/or programs, one must have a suspended imposition of sentence, probation, judicial transfer directly to a community correction facility, or post prison transfer to a facility or parole supervision.

Program Areas include:

- Community Work Programs
- Economic Sanctions
- Electronic Monitoring
- Community Service
- Restitution Payment and Disbursement
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment
- Educational and Vocational Programs
- Job Skills Programs
- Life Skills Training Programs

The Department provides a foundation for enhancement of community correction programs, which includes strengthening and support of probation and parole services as well as implementation of non-traditional programs for offenders. The Department has the following five centers: the Central Arkansas Community Correction Center in Little Rock; the Southeast Arkansas Community Center in Pine Bluff; the Southwest Arkansas Community Center in Texarkana; the Northeast Arkansas Community Center in Osceola; and the Technical Violator Center in Malvern.

The Field Services Substance Abuse Program addresses not only chemical dependency but also many other issues through Day Reporting Centers, the Expanded Services Program and the substance abuse services offered in the area probation and parole offices.

The Department has successfully implemented a program that works within and through the Drug Court System. This program provides an alternative to incarceration to first time offenders and in addition provides a cost conscience system designed for the long term benefits by treating first time

offenders in such a method as to change the norm since in addition to chemical dependency the majority of these offenders have multiple life control problems. Most criminal justice system professionals estimate that at least 45% of defendants convicted of drug possession will recidivate with a similar offense within two to three years.

To comply Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2006, DCC is required to electronically monitor offenders that are sexually violent predators. The need of global positioning satellite (GPS) monitoring equipment and electronic bracelets will be needed. The monitoring stations will be open 24 hours a day 7 days a week, resulting in the need for overtime.

As Required by Act 678 of 2005, the Agency is responsible for the licensing and monitoring of transitional housing facilities in the State. The Transitional Housing Program was started to alleviate some of the overcrowding caused by those inmates that do not have a place to go upon release. A fee of \$24 per day will be paid to transitional housing facilities and allow placement of approximately 342 offenders.

A cost of living increase is not incorporated in Base Level pending the outcome of the Classification and Compensation Study. FY07 salary levels have been held flat each year for all incumbents. Personal Services Matching may reflect increases in the Base Level due to the Social Security Tax maximum income limit and certain increases in Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Tax rates. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$30 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$350 per month.

The Base Level request is \$53,862,627 in FY08 and in FY09.

The 2007 - 2009 Biennial Budget Change Level request for the Department of Community Correction totals \$22,238,115 in FY08 and \$20,835,527 in FY09. The following is a summary of the major components of the Agency's request with amounts for each year of the biennium respectively separated into three (3) categories:

1. Residential Services

For each of the five centers, the Agency is asking for increases for cost of fuel, utilities, food, medical contracts and to replace some equipment and several vehicles.

- Medical Contracts - incremental increases and center expansions for \$1,417,918 and \$1,966,463
- Maintenance and Operating Expenses for the five existing Centers for \$2,317,179 and \$2,136,529
- Washington County 170 bed expansion/renovation with 76 new positions, Operating Expenses, and Conference and Travel Expenses for \$3,902,405 and \$3,616,000
- South East Center 100 bed expansion with 19 new positions, Operating Expenses, and Conference and Travel Expenses for \$2,567,000 in FY08 and \$1,126,107 in FY09

2. Probation / Parole Field Office

Each field office is requesting an increase for utilities, rent, fuel, equipment and vehicles.

- 13 Area Probation / Parole Offices - 9 new positions for \$675,711 and \$690,291

- Institutional Parole Offices - 1 new position and a vehicle for \$87,088 and \$71,003
- Day Reporting Centers for \$24,456 and \$25,656
- Substance Abuse Treatment Program - 3 new area manager positions, vehicles, and Conference and Travel Expenses for \$187,566 and \$145,320
- Drug Courts - 34 new positions, an additional drug court in Danville, medical supplies, Conference and Travel Expenses, and Professional Fees for \$4,893,012 and \$5,150,904
- Sex Offender Program - 15 new positions, 10 vehicles, electronic monitoring equipment, and Overtime for \$1,754,593 and \$1,545,586
- Transitional Housing Program - 6 new positions, vehicles, and Professional Fees for a total of \$3,460,428 and \$3,406,111

3. Administration and Support

- Request for two management project analysis II positions. The Information Technology area requests an increase in network services, data processing supplies, replace 413 computers, software and license updates, and printers and file servers
- Research, Planning and Management Services for \$85,170 and \$86,300
- Information Technology for \$865,589 and \$869,257

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level and additional general revenue funding of \$14,390,000 in FY08 and \$14,850,000 in FY09. The following provides detail of the Executive Recommendation:

1. Residential Services

The Executive Recommendation provides for:

- Medical Contracts for \$1,417,918 and \$1,652,135
- Maintenance and Operating Expenses for the five existing Centers for \$746,488 in FY08 and \$798,189 in FY09
- Washington County - 76 new positions, Operating Expenses, and Conference and Travel Expenses for \$3,397,251 and \$3,217,917 is recommended

2. Probation / Parole Field Office

The Executive Recommendation provides for:

- The Area Probation/Parole Offices for \$285,397 in FY08 and \$327,356 in FY09 for utilities and rent - Operating Expense
- Three positions for Substance Abuse Treatment with Maintenance and Operating Expenses of \$146,499 and \$145,320
- Thirty four positions for Drug Courts with Maintenance and Operating Expenses of \$4,728,744 and \$5,150,904
- Fifteen positions for Sex Offender Program with Maintenance and Operating Expenses and Overtime of \$1,617,703 and \$1,545,586
- Three positions and Maintenance and Operating Expenses in the Transitional Housing Program for \$1,750,000 in FY08 and \$1,712,593 in FY09

3. Administration and Support

The Executive Recommendation provides for:

- One Information and Technology position and Operating Expense of \$300,000 in both years

In summary, the Executive Recommendation for new general revenue above the Base Level is:

- \$3,648,650 in both years for Regular Salaries Expense for 132 new positions
- \$1,323,626 in both years for Personal Service Matching Expense for the new positions
- \$150,000 in both years for Overtime Expense for the Sex Offender Program
- \$3,204,342 in FY08 and \$2,994,125 in FY09 for Operating Expenses for fuel, food, rent, and utilities
- \$69,464 in FY08 and \$48,864 in FY09 for Conference and Travel Expense for new employee training
- \$6,173,918 in FY08 and \$6,684,735 in FY09 for Professional Fees for increase in medical contracts, traditional housing, and drug courts.

Funding for equipment, building and ground maintenance, vehicles and Capital Outlay for various maintenance, renovation, construction, improvement, upgrade and repair projects for all Department of Community Correction facilities to be addressed through the General Improvement Fund.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 510 Community Correction - State
Funding Sources: HCP-Department of Community Correction Fund

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation					
	2005-2006 Actual	2006-2007 Budget	2006-2007 Authorized	2007-2008			2008-2009		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	28,931,003	31,057,170	31,640,565	31,057,170	35,109,327	34,705,820	31,057,170	35,604,834	34,705,820
#Positions	1,112	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,229	1,215	1,083	1,248	1,215
Extra Help 5010001	24,392	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
#Extra Help	4	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Personal Services Matching 5010003	10,047,590	10,378,300	10,334,448	10,839,609	12,303,748	12,163,235	10,839,609	12,483,889	12,163,235
Overtime 5010006	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	0	150,000	150,000
Operating Expenses 5020002	8,943,713	7,847,139	7,847,139	7,847,139	15,375,171	10,871,481	7,847,139	13,248,127	10,841,264
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	10,474	11,857	11,857	11,857	87,821	81,321	11,857	72,021	60,721
Professional Fees 5060010	4,069,853	4,081,852	4,081,852	4,081,852	12,052,770	10,255,770	4,081,852	12,740,915	10,766,587
Data Processing 5090012	143,317	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claims 5110015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	1,487,976	123,551	628,289	0	996,905	0	0	373,368	0
Total	53,658,318	53,524,869	54,569,150	53,862,627	76,100,742	68,252,627	53,862,627	74,698,154	68,712,627
Funding Sources									
General Revenue 4000010	52,950,724	53,000,172		53,461,481	75,699,596	67,851,481	53,461,481	74,297,008	68,311,481
Cash Fund 4000045	370,290	432,868		401,146	401,146	401,146	401,146	401,146	401,146
Merit Adjustment Fund 4000055	0	36,829		0	0	0	0	0	0
DFA Motor Vehicle Acquisition 4000184	227,304	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
General Improvement 4000265	110,000	55,000		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding	53,658,318	53,524,869		53,862,627	76,100,742	68,252,627	53,862,627	74,698,154	68,712,627
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	53,658,318	53,524,869		53,862,627	76,100,742	68,252,627	53,862,627	74,698,154	68,712,627

Actual and/or Budgeted Number of Positions may exceed the Authorized Number due to the flexibility in the authorization of all positions through one salary section in appropriation acts.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation:

510-Community Correction - State

Funding Sources:

HCP-Department of Community Correction Fund

Agency Request

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	53,862,627	1,083	53,862,627	100.0	53,862,627	1,083	53,862,627	100.0
C01	Existing Program	10,990,808	64	64,853,435	120.4	11,021,458	64	64,884,085	120.4
C02	New Program	10,438,753	82	75,292,188	139.7	8,996,904	101	73,880,989	137.1
C08	Technology	808,554	0	76,100,742	141.2	817,165	0	74,698,154	138.6

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2007-2008	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2008-2009	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	53,862,627	1,083	53,862,627	100.0	53,862,627	1,083	53,862,627	100.0
C01	Existing Program	8,482,120	53	62,344,747	115.7	9,130,882	53	62,993,509	116.9
C02	New Program	5,656,171	79	68,000,918	126.2	5,464,868	79	68,458,377	127.1
C08	Technology	251,709	0	68,252,627	126.7	254,250	0	68,712,627	127.5

Justification

C01	Due to the increased cost of fuel, utilities, food, and the medical contract – the Agency is requesting the increase in each of these categories. The request for increase in fuel is to continue to allow Probation/Parole officers to make required home and job visits to ensure that offenders are abiding by their community supervision conditions, and to transport offenders to the technical violator center, jails and the Department of Correction. The increase requested for the office leases is to accommodate the 4% increase negotiated by the Arkansas Building Authority and to accommodate new programs requested. Currently, there are 37 existing drug courts located across the state. The judges have requested expansion of the capacity of existing drug courts to accommodate the growing caseloads. The drug court program enables offenders to remain in the community and work to support their families, as well as pay taxes. The sex offender program expansion is requested to comply with Act 4 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2006 and to electronically monitor level 3 and 4 (highest degrees of seriousness concerning community postings and neighbor notification) sex offenders. Level 4 offenders are sexually violent predators. The level 3 and 4 caseload is increasing at a rate of 5% per month.
C02	With an average female growth of 4.5 per month and 167 backed up in county jails as of May 06, 2006, the Agency is requesting the expansion of 100 beds at the Pine Bluff Center. Currently, this is the only female center the Agency operates. The recidivism rate at this center is less than 20%. The Agency currently has 3 male community correction centers located in Little Rock, Texarkana, Osceola, and a facility for male technical violators in Malvern. The county jail backup is 252 males (as of May 6, 2006). The monthly male population growth is 7.4. The request is to open a center in Washington County at Fayetteville to help alleviate the county jail backup. In FY'06, 29% of all DCC residents were from Benton, Crawford, Sebastian, and Washington Counties. The opening of a center in Fayetteville would decrease transportation costs and restore officers' lost time for supervision of offenders. Also, having the offenders confined in a center nearest their hometowns will facilitate the needed family involvement in the offenders' treatment and recovery plans, thus increasing the likelihood of success. As required by Act 678 of 2005, the Agency is responsible for the licensing and monitoring transitional housing facilities in the State. The Department of Correction recently transferred \$2 million in one time funding to DCC to initiate a transitional housing program. The Agency is requesting the funding to continue this program and maintain compliance with Act 678 of 2005.
C08	The Information Technology (IT) request is consistent with and reflects needs significant to meeting and maintaining compliance with the IT plan. IT resources must support mission critical agency functions such as eOMIS (electronic Offender Management Information System), AASIS, and comply with Chief Information Office standards. The Agency has over 1000 computers, with just under 500 being 6-9 years old as is reflected in the IT request for replacement of 413 computers, printers, servers, upgrade software, and an additional position to assist with the network administration, hardware maintenance, and user issues.