Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation

- ACCELERATE ND - Supporting the Mission & Vision of DOCR:
  - Transforming Lives, Influencing Change, Strengthening Community
  - Healthy and Productive Neighbors, a Safe North Dakota
DEFERRED ADMISSION HOUSING

Deferred Admission Housing: $4,800,000

- DOCR coordinated with ND Dept of Health to establish the Vulnerable Population Plan (VP3). Protocols were established and shared with ND sheriffs and jail administrators. This established a mitigation plan to resume admissions to the DOCR, but also provided guidance to local administrators.

- DOCR requested CARES Act funding in the 19-21 biennium to provide compensation to the local correctional facilities for housing DOCR sentence individuals during COVID mitigation protocols.

- COVID-19 outbreaks within close quarters prison housing, among a population with high rates of underlying health conditions, continue to be a daily threat to safety of resident populations and the DOCR staff who serve them.

DEFEERED ADMISSION HOUSING

DOCR continues to take action to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to our incarcerated populations but has not yet deferred admissions during the current biennium.

The resurgence of COVID-19 variants has required the continued mitigation protocols by DOCR and its partners, ND Counties.

This request would provide funding to reimburse ND county jails for offender housing attributable to pandemic delayed DOCR admission.

Image to right: DOCR VP3 Plan, June 15 2021.
FREE THROUGH RECOVERY

Free Through Recovery: $2,995,200

What is Free through Recovery?
- Improve healthcare outcomes and reduce recidivism by delivering high-quality community behavioral health services linked with effective community supervision
- Collaborative relationship between the DOCR, the Department of Human services, Probation and Parole and Community Care Coordination Agencies
- Participant eligibility includes those 18 years of age or older presenting with a behavioral health condition (mental health and/ or substance abuse), are involved in the criminal justice system, and present a risk for future criminal justice involvement

Senate Bill 2015 provided federal funding of $3.3 million added to $8 million from general funds for a total of $11.3 million for the free through recovery program. The source was not specified for the $3.3 million from federal funds.

This request would provide that source of federal dollars.

FREE THROUGH RECOVERY

Expected & Reported Outcomes

- Positive gains in housing, employment, recovery, and reduced criminal justice involvement
- Outcome reporting is completed by Care Coordinators and Parole & Probation on a monthly basis, overseen by Regional Administrators
- FTR has served 3,344 participants to date with a current census of 1,088
  - Overall positive outcome percentage of 68.3% (housing 76%, employment 65%, recovery 70%, law enforcement 72%)

Funding the appropriation authorized by SB2015 will:
- Expand the Free Through Recovery program, increasing overall capacity and providing necessary services to additional participants
- Provide the needed increase in services to address behavioral healthcare needs exacerbated by the pandemic
- Fulfill the funding appropriation appropriated by SB2015