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SOLANO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECOMMENDED TO RECIEVE 23 MILLION DOLLARS IN STATE FINANCING TO ADVANCE REALIGNMENT (AB 109) GOALS

On October 24th, 2013 the Solano County Sheriff's Office submitted a proposal to the State of California, Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), in an effort to secure funding to construct classroom and vocational spaces for successful offender rehabilitation under Senate Bill 1022 (SB 1022).

Today Solano County Sheriff Thomas A. Ferrara received notification from the Board of State and Community Corrections that our proposed project will be recommended to receive a conditional funding award in the fully requested amount of \$23,037,000.

In July 2013, the BSCC released a request for proposals (RFP) under SB 1022 for the upgrading of local jails to include rehabilitative program space that meets Gov. Jerry Brown's prison and public safety realignment goals. \$500 million in State financing was to be made available to provide funding for counties to compete for through the RFP process.

Of California's 58 counties, 36 submitted requests for funding under SB 1022. Fifteen counties were notified today that they have been selected to receive conditional financing awards. Solano County was eligible for up to \$40 million dollars in recommended funding under this program. After careful consideration, it was determined that a request of \$23 million in funding would fully support the Solano County Sheriff's Office offender rehabilitation needs.

Said Sheriff Ferrara "this was a very competitive process and our team presented an outstanding proposal both in writing and during our oral presentation to the Board of State and Community Corrections earlier this month. The result of our proposal is a direct result of our strong partnerships formed amongst various departments within Solano County and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP). Completion of this project goes a long way towards the full implementation of our AB 109 plan and the enhancement of the public protection of our community."

Realignment/AB 109 seeks to improve rehabilitation results by keeping offenders close to families and support systems. It includes constitutionally guaranteed state funding for proven programs that support offenders' successful transition back into the community.

The recommendations are expected to be voted on at the January 16th meeting of the Board of State and Community Corrections for final approval. For more information regarding this announcement from the Board of State and Community Corrections go to <u>http://www.bscc.ca.gov/</u>.

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