



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Reentry Services Resource Center

Presenter:

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Description:

Presentation about a proposed Pilot Re-Entry Hub

Recommended Action:

Approve staff recommendations on the development and implementation of a Pilot Re-Entry Hub including establishing a budget to support personnel, procuring contracted services and operating expenses.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is currently no appropriation for this program. All work release funds were reallocated or returned to fund balance during the Mid-year budget adjustment. If funded, this program will be funded from General Fund reserves in Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) and/or built into the FY24 budget.

- One-time start-up expenditures for space, equipment, technology, etc. to be determined.
- Annual recurring expenditures currently estimated at \$500,000.

Strategic Guide:

Social and Economic Opportunity

Background:

During previous Board of County Commission discussions, Community Support Services and Court Services were asked to identify opportunities to re-allocate funding to reduce incarceration and recidivism with a focus on prevention. Staff were asked to engage community members working in the area of jail reentry to plan for the initiation of reentry services. Over the course of four meetings, more than twenty individuals met to discuss incarceration experiences and the needs of those returning to the community. Discussion topics included direct operation by the County or solicitation for an entity to operate, location relative to the jail, government offices or community office space. Key aspects of discussion included the need to include impacted individuals in all levels of the operation of a reentry hub; connection/provision of needed social and therapeutic services; low barrier; and a supportive, healing environment. The end goal is to reduce recidivism by promoting community inclusion and

reengagement.