

House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
Proposal for DOC CRF Funds
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1 Sec. X. 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.49 is amended to read:

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3 (10) Department of Corrections: \$2,500,000 is appropriated to the
4 Department of Corrections to address the health and safety of persons under
5 the custody of the Commissioner of Corrections and Department of
6 Corrections staff due to the COVID-19 emergency. These funds are allocated
7 below, allocations that cannot be used by December 30, 2020 may be
8 reallocated to other eligible COVID-19 cost categories. Any reallocations
9 shall be reported to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the
10 Commissioner of Finance and Management and the Joint Fiscal Office:

11 (A) \$760,000 for temperature scanners and six full body scanners at
12 State correctional facilities, temperature scanners at field service offices, and
13 personal protective equipment (PPE) at State correctional facilities and field
14 service offices for COVID-19 mitigation.

15 (B) \$700,000 for technology upgrades to support the COVID-19
16 necessitated transition from in-person programs and services to remote on-line
17 access across facilities including WIFI heating mapping in the facilities, the
18 Community High School of Vermont learning management system, as well as
19 devices, applications, and video conferencing services. Any funds not
20 expended for the purpose described in this subdivision (10)(B) may be used for
21 the purpose described in subdivision (10)(A) of this section.

22 (C) \$363,000 to be granted to community justice centers. Of which
23 \$252,000 is the estimated amount for direct costs incurred at the centers as a

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1 result of COVID-19. The remainder is to provide increased program capacity
2 at the transitional housing programs operated by some community justice
3 centers for individuals reentering into the community to reduce the risk of
4 spreading COVID-19 in State correctional facilities.

5 (D) \$350,000 to for the Department to ~~increase rental housing and~~
6 ~~supporting program capacity in the community.~~ Of this amount \$200,000 is
7 ~~the estimated amount for~~ provide direct rental assistance for first and last
8 month for individuals reentering the community to reduce the risk of spreading
9 COVID-19 in State correctional facilities, ~~—The remaining amount is to~~
10 ~~increase and~~ to provide domestic violence and batterer intervention programs
11 in the community required for COVID-19 reentering individuals.