



## Governor Greg Gianforte | Director Brian M. Gootkin

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Members of the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice – Subsection D,

The Montana Department of Corrections respectfully submits the following information in response to requests from the committee’s Jan. 27, 2024, meeting.

### **Cost breakdown of Montana State Prison infrastructure projects approved by the 2023 Montana Legislature:**

Infrastructure Projects - \$211 million - HB 5, HB 817

- Replace Low Side Housing - \$156 million
- Unit D Renovation - \$18.8 million
- Entry/Staff Services Addition to Wallace Building - \$12.8 million
- New Multi-Purpose Programs Building - \$9 million
- Roof Replacements - \$5.6 million
- Water Line Replacement - \$3 million
- Checkpoint Building/Wallace Entry Security Enhancements - \$3 million
- Perimeter Fence Enhancement - \$1.5 million
- Red Light/Emergency Notification System - \$1 million
- Site Infrastructure Study - \$300,000

### **Crimes committed by foreign nationals who are supervised by the DOC:**

Please see “Foreign Nationals” spreadsheet sent by email to committee staff.

### **Provide current contracts between DOC and CoreCivic:**

Please use the following links to access the contracts:

- [DOC and CoreCivic – Crossroads Correctional Center](#)
- [DOC and CoreCivic – Saguro Correctional Center](#)
- [DOC and CoreCivic – Talahatchie County Correctional Facility](#)

### **Provide cost for Out-of-State transportation of inmates**

The DOC only recently started specifically tracking employee time dedicated to preparation for, and time spent, on out-of-state inmate transfers. In relation to the most recent out-of-state transfer, all invoices from law enforcement partners and more have not been logged. As such, any total the DOC can provide you at this time would not be accurate. The DOC is only responsible for the cost of transporting inmates to the airport. Once the inmates are at the airport, the cost is covered by the vendor. Because existing staff are being used for these transports, the funding is coming out of the current DOC budget.



**Explanation of the DOC’s new online visitation application:**

In July 2024, the DOC implemented an online application process for members of the public to apply to visit their family/friends in secure facilities. Previously, all applications were completed in hard copy and mailed or faxed to the various facilities for processing. Almost 1,800 visitation applications have been processed since the system was implemented.

<b>Before July 2024</b>	<b>After July 2024</b>	<b>Improvements</b>
<p>Family/Friends filled out a paper form/application they obtained from facility staff, inmate, or the DOC website and mailed or faxed it to facilities.</p>	<p>Family/Friends fill out a webform developed with SITSD using Service Now and accessible on the DOC website  <a href="https://cor.mt.gov/FriendsandFamily/In-Person-Visitation">https://cor.mt.gov/FriendsandFamily/In-Person-Visitation</a></p>	<p>Applications are more easily access by members of the public. Online submission provides a greater level of security.</p>
<p>Legal documents were printed or copied and submitted with the paper form to the facility.</p>	<p>Legal documents submitted with and attached to the online web form.</p>	<p>Applications are less cumbersome to fill out for family/friends.</p>
<p>Paper applications reviewed by Visitation officers and background checks completed.</p>	<p>Electronic applications are reviewed by Visitation Officers and Background Checks are completed.</p>	<p>Electronic applications can be reviewed by Constituent Services if friends/family have questions about the status of their applications.</p>
<p>To change any demographic information, approved visitors had to complete a paper form and mail or fax it to facilities for processing.</p>	<p>Approved visitor information change is updated through a separate online form.</p>	<p>Information updates are less cumbersome to provide for family/friends.</p>

Inmates at DOC facilities can participate in in-person and video visitation. Video visitation is offered through the inmate tablets which are provided on a 1-to-1 basis to inmates at Montana DOC facilities.



**When did the DOC start sending female youth offenders out-of-state?**

The DOC started contracting with 5Cs Youth Treatment Center to house juvenile females in June 2016.

**List of all DOC Positions & List of those that are vacant**

Please see "DOC Positions" spreadsheet sent with email to committee staff.

Sincerely,

Brian Gootkin, Director