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Introduction

As a requirement of the West Virginia Community Corrections Act, an annual report must be submitted by the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction (GCCDC). This report includes activities for the previous year and an accounting of fees collected and funds disbursed from the special revenue account.

The goal of the Community Corrections Act is to provide a means for communities to develop, establish and maintain community-based corrections programs in order to provide the judicial system with sentencing alternatives for offenders who may require less than institutional custody. Specific objectives related to the Community Corrections Act are as follows:

1. Flexibility and involvement in responding to crime at the community level.
2. Effective protection of society and efficiency in the delivery of correctional services.
3. Operate programs specifically designed to meet the needs of offenders.
4. Sentencing alternatives to reduce recidivism.
5. Community based programs to address local criminal justice needs.
6. Ensure space is available in regional jails and correctional facilities for offenders deemed to be most dangerous.
7. Promote accountability of offenders to their community.

Administration and Staffing

The West Virginia Community Corrections Subcommittee provides policy direction and funding decisions to the Justice and Community Services (JCS) Section of the West Virginia Division of Administrative Services (DAS). It provides assurance that the State is meeting the standards outlined in the West Virginia Community Corrections Act. Specific duties include:

1. Promulgate rules for funding recommendations, standards for approval of programs and reporting requirements, fee adjustments, and carrying out the purpose and intent of the Act.
2. Provide funding for approved programs, as available.
3. Maintain records of community corrections programs.
4. Assist in securing funding from other sources.

The members of the Community Corrections Subcommittee are appointed according to statute. The members of the Community Corrections Subcommittee include:

Robert E. Wilkinson, Chair
Attorney-at-Law

Jonathan Adler, Vice Chair
Executive Director, West Virginia Association of Counties

William K. Marshall
Assistant Commissioner, Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation

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Commissioner, WV DHHR: Bureau for Behavioral Health

Joseph Armstrong
Administrative Director, Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

Nicholas Leftwich
Drug Court Coordinator, Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia

The JCS Section has been assigned to staff and administer the Community Corrections Fund and to fulfill the requirements of the Community Corrections Act. Staff members are responsible for administering grant funds, providing technical assistance to communities, and education to the courts regarding fees to be collected pursuant to the West Virginia Code.

Justice and Community Services Staff:

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Collection and Expenditure Summary

A total of \$1,199,915.14 was collected during State Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. Figure 1.1 shows the collections by month for FY 2020, beginning July 2019. Figure 1.2 documents the total collections received from FY 2003 through FY 2020. Collections have fluctuated over the last several years and this can be attributed to a number of issues within each individual county. Funds collected during FY 2019 were awarded for the FY 2020 grant funding cycle, which began on July 1, 2019 and concluded on June 30, 2020.

Community Corrections Collections Fiscal Year 2020 Overview	
July 2019	\$98,350.32
August 2019	\$91,232.59
September 2019	\$122,008.47
October 2019	\$100,475.72
November 2019	\$101,898.56
December 2019	\$97,030.56
January 2020	\$86,902.43
February 2020	\$105,187.24
March 2020	\$131,571.24
April 2020	\$124,270.94
May 2020	\$57,227.80
June 2020	\$83,759.27

Figure 1.1 – FY 2020 Collections Overview

Community Corrections Collections FY 2003 - 2020	
FY 2003	\$401,291.19
FY 2004	\$525,000.00
FY 2005	\$650,000.00
FY 2006	\$650,411.00
FY 2007	\$1,450,693.72
FY 2008	\$1,828,816.71
FY 2009	\$1,840,733.36
FY 2010	\$1,752,387.92
FY 2011	\$1,743,294.08
FY 2012	\$1,736,411.44
FY 2013	\$1,578,000.32
FY 2014	\$1,630,798.20
FY 2015	\$1,602,423.60
FY 2016	\$1,572,446.14
FY 2017	\$1,364,401.06
FY 2018	\$1,392,752.02
FY 2019	\$1,407,842.15
FY 2020	\$1,199,915.14

Figure 1.2 – Summary of Collections

In addition to FY 2019 collections, \$4.3 million in general revenue was made available by the Governor and the Legislature. The Community Corrections Subcommittee awarded these funds to thirty (30) community correction programs. Localities which received funding were:

- ↗ Berkeley County Council
- ↗ Doddridge County Commission
- ↗ Fayette County Commission
- ↗ Greenbrier County Commission

- ↵ Hampshire County Commission
- ↵ Harrison County Commission
- ↵ Jefferson County Commission
- ↵ Kanawha County Commission
- ↵ Logan County Commission
- ↵ Marion County Commission
- ↵ Marshall County Commission
- ↵ Mason County Commission
- ↵ McDowell County Commission
- ↵ Mercer County Commission
- ↵ Mineral County Commission
- ↵ Monongalia County Commission
- ↵ Morgan County Commission
- ↵ Nicholas County Commission
- ↵ Pocahontas County Commission
- ↵ Preston County Commission
- ↵ Putnam County Commission
- ↵ Raleigh County Commission
- ↵ Randolph County Commission
- ↵ Summers County Commission
- ↵ Taylor County Commission
- ↵ Tucker County Commission
- ↵ Upshur County Commission
- ↵ Wayne County Commission
- ↵ Wood County Commission
- ↵ Wyoming County Commission

Figure 1.3 below summarizes the total award allocations from FY 2010 through FY 2020.

Community Correction Awards Fiscal Year 2010 – 2020	
FY 2010	\$5,146,248.00
FY 2011	\$5,261,504.00
FY 2012	\$6,791,353.66
FY 2013	\$6,381,938.00
FY 2014	\$6,499,079.00
FY 2015	\$6,613,774.00
FY 2016	\$6,311,801.00
FY 2017	\$5,445,808.00
FY 2018	\$5,700,000.00
FY 2019	\$5,427,500.00
FY 2020	\$5,417,239.00

Figure 1.3 – Summary of Awards

Summary of Activities

From July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, funding was provided to support thirty (30) local community corrections programs. Many programs have taken on more of a “regional” approach when providing services. As a result, the community correction programs provided services to forty-nine (49) counties in West Virginia. Map 1.1 (see attachment) illustrates the counties that received services during this time frame.

Common Offenses for Admission

The most common offenses for those admitted to local community correction programs include:

- Drug-related offenses, such as possession and/or manufacturing of a controlled substance;
- Larceny
- Embezzlement, Fraudulent Schemes, and Forgery
- Driving Under the Influence
- Domestic Battery
- Property Crimes (e.g. Destruction of Property, Breaking and Entering)
- Public Intoxication
- Fleeing/Obstructing an Officer

If additional funds were made available, more counties could provide community corrections services. In addition, established programs would be able to create more re-entry services for parolees in the state.

Common Services Provided

- Substance Abuse/Addiction Counseling
 - Relapse Prevention
 - Alcoholics Anonymous
 - Problem Gamblers Counseling
 - Narcotics Anonymous
 - Dual Diagnosis Treatment (mental health and substance abuse)
 - Sober Parenting
 - Family and Marital Counseling
- Batterer’s Intervention Prevention Program (BIPPs)
- Domestic Violence Education
- Anger Management
- GED/Adult Basic Education Classes
- Job Training/Placement
- Computer Literacy Classes
- Life Skills Classes
- Financial Budgeting Classes

- Healthy Living Skills
- Smoking Prevention Programs
- Drug Screening/Observation
- Transportation
- Case Management
- Electronic Monitoring
- Services for Drug Court Participants

Some programs provide more specific services such as:

- Pre-Sentence Assessments
- Re-Entry Services
- Faith-Based Support Groups
- Women's Issues
- Youthful Offender Programs (ages 18-24)
- Services for Parolees
- College level courses
- Peer Recovery Support Services
- Services for Family Drug Court Participants

The majority of community corrections programs also provide community service assignments to their offenders as a way to give back to the community in which they committed their offense. Below is a list of the types of community service projects that have given back to their communities:

- Litter Pick-up (with their county's Solid Waste Division)
- Election set up and clean up
- Volunteer work at local nursing homes
- Snow removal
- Landscaping/Lawn care for local government offices
- Building renovations (by skilled workers in the program)

Offender Case Management System & Community Correction Information System

The Community Corrections Act specifies that all programs funded by the State are required to conduct an evaluation that will determine the program's effectiveness. To fulfill this requirement, the Community Corrections Subcommittee has required that all grant funded programs utilize two online databases to record information about offenders. Programs use the Offender Case Management System (OCMS), maintained by the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, to store records for clients who are probationers, and use the Community Corrections Information System (CCIS) to record data for all other types of clients. These databases are designed to capture the information necessary to complete an evaluation of a single program, to compare programs to each other, and to examine multiple programs simultaneously.

Offender Information System

In Fiscal Year 2020, JCS staff began collaborating with the West Virginia Office of Technology (WVOT) on the CCIS-OIS transition project. The primary goal of this project is to incorporate the existing CCIS functionality into the Offender Information System (OIS). By using the OIS database, each community corrections program will have the ability to manage their caseload and enhance their capacity to meet programmatic supervision and treatment responsibilities and/or requirements. Use of OIS will further improve the capacity of program staff to maintain adequate levels of supervision and monitoring of offenders on their respective caseloads and to ensure high levels of quality and consistency in service delivery. Ultimately, OIS will enhance program services, identify successful practices, justify program existence, and save money with an initial program proposal investment. JCS estimates that OIS will be fully functional and utilized by all statewide community corrections programs by December 31, 2020.

Level of Service/Case Management Inventory

Pursuant to West Virginia State Code and the Community Corrections Program Guidelines, all programs shall utilize a research based intake and risk/needs assessment tool that addresses the following: drug and alcohol screening, criminal history, known associates, community support system, education needs, treatment needs, mental health needs, and substance abuse history. The Community Corrections Subcommittee of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction has approved and requires the use of the Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) for all community corrections programs funded by West Virginia Community Corrections grant and administered by the JCS Section. At least one user training event per fiscal year has been provided to staff of the local community corrections programs since July 2006 to ensure all new staff and programs receive proper training on the utilization of the assessment instrument. LS/CMI information is also collected in the CCIS for each funded program and is available for review and monitoring by local program directors and administration of JCS. Policies have been drafted by the West Virginia Office of Research and Strategic Planning (ORSP) regarding user and trainer certification for the LS/CMI and were distributed to programs during 2014.

Community Corrections Subcommittee Grant Award Framework

In 2019, the Community Corrections Workgroup and JCS staff developed a grant award framework. The grant award framework is a data-driven approach that provides Subcommittee members with a more objective mechanism for reviewing the effectiveness of statewide day report centers when making award recommendations to the Governor. Currently, the grant award framework consists of the following three areas:

1. Program Effectiveness – 45 points

- a. Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist (CPC)
 - b. Reporting Practices & Compliance
 - c. Staff Credentials
2. Financial Capabilities/Capacity – 45 points
 - a. General County Ledger/Audit Report
 - b. Costs vs. Benefits Analysis
 - c. Local Funds Committed
 - d. Financial Need
3. Discretionary – 10 points

Apart from the areas identified in this framework, Subcommittee members will not consider, investigate, or discuss any other focus before or during the grant award meeting. If at the end of the meeting, a member would like to have a particular focus area added to the spreadsheet for the next grant award meeting, they may request that the chair entertain a motion to do so.

Assessing Program Quality Using the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC)

The CPC is an evidence-based program quality assessment tool developed by the Corrections Institute at the University of Cincinnati. It provides researchers with a framework for structuring site visits in such a way that they directly assess whether programs adhere to more than 70 practices that have been shown by research to be effective at reducing recidivism. When conducting a CPC assessment, researchers directly observe program operations, sit in on group treatment sessions, and conduct detailed interviews with administrative, treatment, and supervision staff. Several staff from JCS are trained in the use of the CPC. Assessments have been conducted on twenty-five (25) programs to date. It is anticipated that the remaining five (5) programs will be assessed by December 31, 2020.



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FY 2020 Funded Initiatives

