Update: Maximizing Justice Reinvestment Grant/Intermediate Correctional Intervention Program (ICIP)

In 2016, the Department of Corrections was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to fund a program that will divert female offenders from Pennington County from prison. The Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Maximizing State Reforms grant is for $1.75 million over three years, with no match required. All of the funds are budgeted as contractual services.

The target population of the program is prison-bound adult female offenders from Pennington County. There are currently more female inmates in the state prison system committed from Pennington County than any other county, with Pennington County committed inmates making up more than a quarter of the state’s female prison population.

The goals of the program are to reduce corrections costs by reducing unnecessary prison confinement, expand and promote collaboration among those working in the criminal justice system to support justice reinvestment and use evidence-based practices to reduce recidivism and prevent re-incarceration. Those admitted to the program can be probation violators, parole violators or reentry inmates needing an intensive intervention as an alternative to prison. Our preference with this program is that it will be used primarily by the state court system to divert probation violators from prison.

With the grant, funds are available for residential costs, case management, community-based services and housing assistance. The current program design and budget supports 12 residential spots. Funds also have been budgeted for Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) and Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring, jail costs and flexible funds to address individual specific needs. Funding is also earmarked for program development and evaluation consultants.

Components of the program include:
- 90-day residential programming phase;
- 9 month community phase;
- emphasis on individualized, assessment-based evidence-based practices;
- 100 hours of Cognitive-based programming onsite by vendor;
- access to existing state and local services and resources; and
- enhanced case management.

The state is partnering with Lutheran Social Services and Pennington County on the program. Pennington County will provide the housing and custodial care for these women while Lutheran Social Services will provide the programming. We will use the Women’s Needs Risk Assessment (WRNA) for the offenders in this program. We will also focus on change readiness and implement the “Moving On” Curriculum. Participants will access Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBISA), Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT), and mental health services in the community. The program will also focus on cultural responsivity, due to the fact that the majority of participants will likely be Native American.

The program will start in the summer of 2018.

See the accompanying chart on the following page.
Female Inmate Population Considerations

In 2015, South Dakota ranked #6 in the nation in female incarceration rates.

93% of FY17 female court commitments were nonviolent.

92% of FY17 Pennington County female court commitments were nonviolent.

In FY17, 70% of court commitments were for drug offenses from Pennington County.