



Governor Greg Gianforte | Director Brian M. Gootkin

Sept. 10, 2025.

Members of the Interim Budget Committee Section F,

The Montana Department of Corrections respectfully submits the following information in accordance with requirements included in HB 833:

Section 7. Reporting. (1) A report containing the expenditures and obligations related to securing or constructing correctional facilities as provided in [sections 1 and 4] must be submitted by the department of corrections at each quarterly meeting of:

(a) the legislative finance committee established by 5-12-201;

(b) the judicial branch, law enforcement, and justice interim budget committee established by 5-12-501; and

(c) the long-range planning interim budget committee established by 5-12-501.

(2) This requirement to report terminates when the construction of correctional facilities is completed and the department of corrections notifies the committees of its completion.

As of Sept. 10, 2025:

- The DOC transferred \$230,000 to the Montana Department of Administration's Architecture and Engineering Division to conduct site analysis.
- A Request for Proposals has been posted to solicit vendors to conduct a staffing analysis for correctional facilities (up to \$200,000).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Strauss, Deputy Director