

The following is a summarized list of questions and answers from the audience of the IIBF Live Event Public Meeting on January 27, 2022. To the extent possible, they have been grouped by the category for relative response on the Budget to Actual Financial report.

Question Category:	Answer:
Revenue	
<p>How FCC new ruling affects DOC phone commissions revenue, will it affect incarcerated individual calling rate?</p>	<p>The Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) new ruling (21-60) indicates that for calls to be classified as an intra state call, the phone company has to prove those calls are physically initiated within the state boarder or it may only pay a \$0.02 per minute commission. The calling rate remains the same when incarcerated individuals make phone calls, but the new ruling will affect the phone commissions revenue DOC receive into IIBF.</p> <p>With the new FCC ruling, phone commissions revenue from November and December 2021 were 50% from FY22 revenue projection. This will potentially continue through the rest of fiscal year.</p> <p>Below is the information of FCC ruling:</p> <p>https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-lowers-interstate-and-international-prison-phone-rates-0</p>
<p>What is IIBF contraband revenue?</p>	<p>Revenue income showing under contraband for IIBF is determined and based on Washington State statue and DOC policy 200.000-Trust Accounts for Incarcerated Individuals.</p> <p>Below is the link to DOC policy 200.000:</p> <p>https://doc.wa.gov/information/policies/default.aspx</p>

Expenditures -Restricted IIBF Expenditures	
Family Friendly	
I would like to know the detail of spending for family friendly events/activities at facilities.	We are working with local business managers on a standard IIBF financial report at the facility level. You can get the detail financial information by attending your local family council meeting. The report we are presenting today is the high-level report that combines financial information with all facilities.
GTL continues free calls for incarcerated individuals, who has the authority of spending on \$200,000.00 from family friendly communication support?	As the Secretary recently approved, there will be a phone credit of \$10 for each incarcerated individual on their Viapath (GTL) account and the cost of providing these credits will be charged to this budget account.
What are spending plans for other non-spent funds under family friendly?	We are looking into many areas to spend out the exiting funding under this category with discussions from local and statewide family councils, the family services unit and the IIBF budget committee members. Many activities can use existing funding, if not we can get approval from the Secretary to spend out the funding from IIBF fund balance. For example, \$10 phone credit, \$15 JPay credit, \$10 CI commissary credit for all incarcerated individuals are the recently approved items by the Secretary that can be used from the available funding from this category.
Other IIBF Expenditures (Restricted)	
Can I have information about law library funding being removed by legislative action?	See the separated document of 2001 Supplemental Budget on DOC. Item 8 under policy changes shows that \$1,192,000 in funding cuts related to “offender legal services”, and the Comments section footnote 8 further describes the legislative cut. That budget cut is what drove funding law libraries from IIBF. DOC intends to put forward a budget request to have the law library subscriptions and related costs moved to the general fund. These items were inadvertently excluded when the budget proposal to move all staffing costs from IIBF to the general fund was submitted.
Non-Restricted IIBF Expenditures (\$10 Per Incarcerated Individua Allocation)	

<p>The concern is money not spent in non-restricted expenditures, recovery fees are exceeding expenditures, what do we do on spending?</p>	<p>Recovery fees under this category are based on state law/statute and DOC Policy. The extra funding available from this category will go back to the fund balance at fiscal year end to be reserved for future use. We are currently looking into two ways to address available funding—potentially lower the fees and/or increase spending--we are looking and working on both options.</p>
<p>When will the local report be available? We don't see money spent at facility level; how do we make sure the money is spent on our loved ones?</p>	<p>We have been working on creating a standard local report. We have done some work on it and worked with two SFC family representatives. We are working on the job aid right now to share with local business managers. We anticipate the reports will be ready by the end of February. The intent is for local business managers to work with local family council members to identify the areas or opportunities for these funds and have discussions at the local family council meetings.</p>
<p>Does a rec specialist know that they have an annual budget to work with that should be spent for the betterment of the people?</p>	<p>Local business managers work with facility managers on how to budget the funding and report the available funding. Recreation Specialists will determine what to purchase for the recreation program based on the funding information shared by the local business managers and facility managers.</p>
<p>Planned Reinvestments (Restricted)</p>	
<p>How to spend the remaining balance from the Wellness Enhancement?</p>	<p>We will work with recreation directors at the facilities to look at their inventory and go back to the survey results from the incarcerated individuals to come up with the items to purchase next. It will be an ongoing process. In addition, what is showing on the financial report is just the cost of the large pieces of recreation equipment ordered, and does not include ancillary costs necessary to make the equipment operational.</p>
<p>Any plans for TV System Enhancement?</p>	<p>We are taking family representatives' ideas and suggestions and working with cable and satellite companies to see if they can add channel enhancements to help with the tv access. We are working to see what ability we have to do right away. We are also trying to come up with a plan for better tv/cable packages for long term, there are a few companies we will have conversation with. Expanding the rental TV availability is also being pursued.</p>
<p>Other Questions and Comments</p>	

<p>What was the meeting early this week about? It was a separate meeting that families were not on.</p>	<p>It was an informational and educational meeting for newly elected statewide family council members about IIBF. We shared same information as we have today.</p>
<p>It was mentioned at the beginning of this meeting that IIBF cannot pay for mattress because DOC is supposed to provide them. DOC provides 8 new mattresses per month. Isn't this a problem that requires a swift action and an exception to the IIBF policy?</p>	<p>The information provided was specific to one facility (SCCC) and explained their normal replacement process based on mattress supply. SCCC limits the number of mattresses a unit can order for routine replacement to ensure each unit can obtain some new mattresses. Statewide, the mattress supply chain has been disrupted. CI is working to address supply issues to facilities.</p>