

Interested in doing research with Washington State Department of Corrections?

The Department supports and conducts research relevant to its programs, services, operations, mission and strategic goals. Research projects designed and conducted by external researchers are encouraged. Research must be aligned with DOC strategic goals and operation needs, and will be reviewed and approved based on DOC priorities and burden.

DOC's Mission & Values

Mission

Improving public safety by positively changing lives

Vision

Working together for safer communities

DOC's Strategic Goals

Improve Lives

- Decrease the first-year rate of return to institutions from 12% to 10% by 2023
- Establish continuity of care plans for 40% of releasing incarcerated individuals with a substance use disorder, mental health, and/or chronic care condition by 2023

Keep People Safe

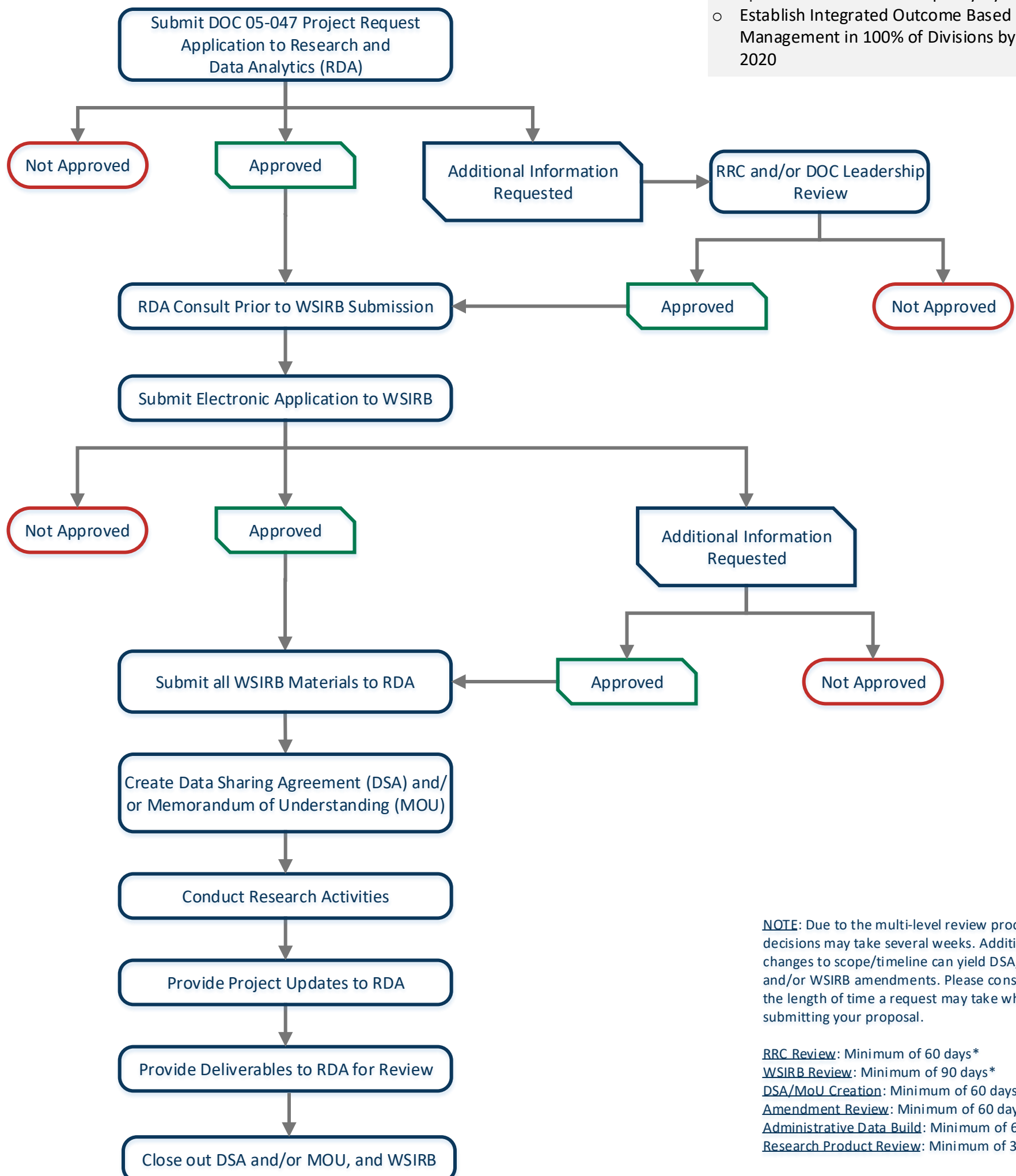
- Decrease the rate of violence from 0.93 to 0.90 per 100 incarcerated individuals at prison facilities by 2022
- Increase the rate of supervised individuals reporting from 64% to 70% by 2023

Engaged & Respected Employees

- Increase the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Respect Index from 59% to 63% by 2023

Organizational Excellence

- Provide full and partial confinement options within 100% of capacity by 2023
- Establish Integrated Outcome Based Management in 100% of Divisions by 2020



NOTE: Due to the multi-level review process, decisions may take several weeks. Additionally, changes to scope/timeline can yield DSA, MOU, and/or WSIRB amendments. Please consider the length of time a request may take when submitting your proposal.

- RRC Review:** Minimum of 60 days*
- WSIRB Review:** Minimum of 90 days*
- DSA/MoU Creation:** Minimum of 60 days*
- Amendment Review:** Minimum of 60 days*
- Administrative Data Build:** Minimum of 60 days*
- Research Product Review:** Minimum of 30 days*

*Timelines are dependent on available resources, staff burden, and complexity of the request.