

The following is a summarized list of questions and answers from the audience of the IIBF Public Meeting and IIBF on April 30, 2026, and from the IIBF Question Inbox.

<b>Question:</b>	<b>Answer:</b>
<p>Do we have a plan for the unspent Cultural Program funds? Is there a detailed report on this/ usage?</p>	<p>Funds from IIBF are spent at facility level. This can assist in funding events. Reach out to your local facility to see how they plan to spend their money on cultural programs. We can encourage them to spend that funding. A report with the details on spending at the facility level is available</p>
<p>Currently WCCW has a horse program, and it is currently run by volunteers. It is an equine therapy, is this something we could use IIBF funds on? It's kind of well-related but not something can be funded under health services.</p>	<p>IIBF funding must benefit the entire population. So if you have a program that is open to all but has requirements that is still ok. Please have a conversation with the Secretary to determine if he wants to spend IIBF funds on. Historically we had dog programs then they were removed. I think if you can tie it to the initiatives, it's up to the Secretary after that. Fill out the IIBF additional funding request from which should walk you through that process and get all the data up front.</p> <p>Please note that the facility has drafted a request that is being considered by Deputy Assistant Secretary Wofford.</p>
<p>Can you explain what \$190,000 buys for Holiday/Big Game Bags?</p>	<p>They are Kosher Packages, such as snacks, chocolates, and other small items. We do purchase them for every incarcerated individual, including restricted housing. The incarcerated individuals give input on it, and they really look forward to it.</p>

<p>We must have a place where people can give us feedback or send questions in from the community?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are going to send a survey out to the population and to community members. You can always send any questions or suggestions to: <a href="mailto:dociibfquestions@doc1.wa.gov">dociibfquestions@doc1.wa.gov</a></li> </ul>
<p>On today's IIBF Quarterly Public meeting, you mentioned new legislation expanding the indigent amount to \$100, though it remains a debt to the incarcerated individual. Our team has had several conversations recently regarding indigent items and the requirement to pay these back. We are concerned that this policy has a clear disparate impact on the indigent population. It feels wrong to create debt for individuals who already have nothing simply to cover their basic hygiene needs. Do you have any additional information you might be able to share with us or who we might be</p>	<p>The discussion centered around HB 2539, which increases the indigency rate to \$100. Not per day, but as a new limit to determining when an incarcerated individual can receive indigent supplies and services and incur a debt. It will function just like the current \$25 limit does now.</p> <p>The requirements to repay DOC for items provided to indigent individuals is rooted in RCW 72.09.450, which requires that items provided under the definition of indigent are recorded as a debt to the department and collected. Debt collections are managed under the requirements of RCW 72.09.111 and DOC Policy 200.000.</p> <p>As indigent debt collection is mandated in statute, it would take a Legislative change. I would suggest that you research which Legislators sponsored some of the more recent, incarcerated friendly legislation and contact their offices concerning your feedback.</p>

able to connect with to provide feedback regarding this legislation?

Thank you for attending our quarterly IIBF budget review. If you have any suggestions regarding these meetings please feel free to send us your feedback at the DOC IIBF Questions mailbox. We're always interested in how to make the meeting more valuable to attendees.