



To: Clark County Budget Office

From: Director David Shook

RE: 2026 General Fund Critical Needs- Executive Summary/Business Case Submission

**JSD-CAP-01-26AD Architectural Design support for Indoor range/training rooms**

The department of Jail Services is requesting capital funds to hire an architectural firm to help design an indoor public safety shooting range and associated training space for the Department of Jail Services and potentially the Clark County Sheriff's Office. This space could also be utilized by other local and regional public safety partners.

Clark County has more than 200 public safety officers (e.g., corrections officers and enforcement deputies) from the Department of Jail Services and the Sheriff's Office. These officers are required to train with and carry firearms as a part of their official duties. Clark County currently has two locations available for these county officers to train, practice, and shoot their firearms: (a) The English Pit, located on 192nd Ave and (b) Camp Bonneville, located in East Clark County. The Department of Jail Services primarily uses a range located off SE 192nd Avenue next to the shooting range known as the "English Pit" to provide firearms training. This range is also contracted by the State of Washington Criminal Justice Training Center Southwest Regional Criminal Justice Training Center for their basic and advanced firearms training courses.

Additionally, The Clark County Sheriff's Office and a few other smaller law enforcement agencies only occasionally use this range when available to provide firearms training for their staff. Historically, this range was used by dozens of other local and regional public safety agencies due to the limited locations to train with their duty weapons. Currently, the City of Vancouver and a few other local police agencies utilize local businesses such as Safe Fire and the Place to Shoot to provide training for their staff while the Clark County Sheriff's Office mostly uses Camp Bonneville as its primary shooting location.

Recently, the department was advised that the city of Vancouver intends to extend NE 9th Street in the next 5 years, and this extension will travel directly through our range closing the range permanently eliminating one more place for public safety agencies to practice these critical skills. With the estimated growth of the department in the next decade, the department will be one of the largest in the region, and the need will only continue to grow over time. As our community and public safety organizations continue to grow over time, the need for a dedicated firearms training center will become even more critical for the Clark County Community.

**Location suggestions:**

<sup>1st</sup> location: the county owns the property known as the English Pit and its currently being managed by a private third party. These 6 acres could provide an opportunity to create a public/private partnership to fund and develop/construct a shared location.

<sup>2nd</sup> location: existing space at the Jail Work Center can potentially fit such a facility.

**General proposal:**

To address the immediate need for a firearms training facility, the building would have two 50-yard ranges capable of accommodating rifles and tactical movement and a separate 25-yard range for more static type handgun shooting. Additionally, the facility would include some basic office space

for training staff, a receptions space, and a few classrooms capable of holding up to 24-30 people each; a firearms armory; secured ammunition storage with large delivery doors, gun cleaning room; instructor offices; a break room; bathrooms; and adequate parking.

**JSD-CAP-03-26AD Electronic Key Box- \$35,000**

The minimum-security housing in the main jail identified as H-pod has been 'moth-balled' since approximately 2006 and was used for storage and workspace for some staff. Recently, the Clark County Probation Department moved out of the basement portion of the Clark County Justice Building and this space was assigned to the Department of Jail Services. With the goal of adding more beds for the jail, the Department is updating various safety and security protocols in H-pod so once we have enough corrections officers, we can again house inmates in this space.

The department is moving our programs team to the former probation space with several other co-located contracted positions of current and future employees to this space, and they will need "facility keys" for their daily activities. While there are no unfunded mandates, RCW's or regulations, the security of facility keys is the highest priority for all employees in corrections work as access to the facility is everyone's responsibility. To facilitate this, "facility" keys are checked out every day for every employee who works inside of our facility. This allows for the highest level of accountability for the safety and security of a facility.

**JSD-17-26AD Food Services Bathroom Update- \$15,000**

The department is requesting minor cosmetic updates to the Jail Work Center bathroom. This bathroom is utilized by 12-20 employees a day/every day of the year, and its 20+ years old. The minor updates should generally include new paint, flooring, new fixtures and other associated items in the bathroom.

Our employees at the jail work center make more than 600,000 meals a year and launder more than 50,000 pieces of clothing and bedding for more than 7000 inmates a year. With the number of employees working in these close quarters for long hours, it's imperative to have updated facilities. These employees work remotely, mostly independently and perform critical work for the department. Last year, the department updated the breakroom in the warehouse and this bathroom also needs to be updated.