

The following is a summarized list of questions and answers from the audience of the IIBF Public Meeting on July 28, 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:
<b>IIBF Supplemental Emergent Funding Request</b>	
<p>What is IIBF Supplemental Emergent Funding covered? Can it be used for commercial dish washer at SCCC? If so how to make a request.</p>	<p>IIBF Supplemental Emergent Funding was created so that additional funding is available when the needs are identified that may be appropriate for IIBF expenditures. Typically, IIBF does not cover capitalized item, and commercial dish washer is under that. According to agency capital program director, there are no dishwashers at Stafford Creek Corrections Center, they were removed in favor of using three bay sinks.</p>
<p>Are we able to use this fund for swamp cooler or air conditioning at some of the facilities? I think it is important.</p>	<p>Air conditioning is considered as capitalized item and involved with capital installation and this fund can't be used for things that should be paid for by capital or operating budgets. According to agency capital program director, swamp coolers are not an option for living units as they add a considerable amount of moisture to the air. They are best used outdoors or in large manufacturing plants, not housing units or living areas. Portable air conditioners aren't made large enough to cool buildings of the size of living units.</p>
<b>IIBF Reinvestment Funds</b>	
<p>I am trying to understand why the fund is not used from reinvestment, what is the problem with spending.</p>	<p>From the quarterly IIBF budget to actual report, it looks like we spent 60% from the budgeted amount, in reality there was 80%. As we close the fiscal year for the department, if we have the opportunity to reimburse IIBF for expenditures that would be legitimate general fund charges to make the betterment fund stay healthy and add to its longevity, we will do that. We reimbursed IIBF from the general fund for some of the expenditures from the wellness enhancement purchases and law library subscriptions.</p>

<p>Will we see the enhancement funding be continued next fiscal year, such as TV system enhancement?</p>	<p>Yes, we will keep working on the TV System Enhancement if the funding request is approved by the Secretary as part of the FY23 IIBF Budget. We are currently working on launching a national survey with other correctional facilities to see what companies they are contracted with to provide satellite or cable services that are national based companies, we will research on what kind of services they provide such as customer services, technician availability, channel options. Following that we will launch solicitation through the Contracts and Legal Affairs unit for companies based on the survey from the incarcerated population. We will have the incarcerated population look at what options we have. It will take some time to do the solicitation to come up with the estimated cost.</p> <p>The current spending of \$168K from TV enhancement came directly from the conversation Secretary had with incarcerated population as she was touring the facilities. One of the concerns from the incarcerated population was they did not have access to televisions or tv services in quarantine or isolation areas. The Secretary authorized us to make a large purchase of televisions to provide more televisions to the incarcerated individuals during quarantines.</p>
<p><b>IIBF Fund Balance</b></p>	
<p>The fund balance is close to 10M, what is the point to increase the balance of IIBF fund while we want to spend the money that help the incarcerated population, especially when IITS has more clarity?</p>	<p>The intent is we spend the money such as the three categories under the IIBF reinvestment funds for wellness enhancement. When we see the opportunity to reimburse this local fund for activities that really could be or should be part of the general fund we do so. Same practice applies to the law library cost, we intended to have it become general fund cost, it did not get into the decision package along with the staffing cost last time and in the decision package again and we continue to pursue that.</p> <p>IIBF fund is not about building fund balance, it's about the known facts such as reduction of rate of phone calls with GTL, and new FCC ruling changing the commission rate from 56% and 11cents to now 2 cents per call commission and 9 cents per minute call. That has significant reduction in the commission revenue of IIBF. We are spending IIBF dollars and if we can increase the longevity of this fund and its activities by reimbursing expenditures from the general fund, we will do that. Transition to Securus could take some time and we won't see impact from new revenue stream until full implementation of that system is completed. In the meantime, we are trying to maximize this fund</p>

	<p>which carry over year to year by using operating fund when it's appropriate to use before those operating dollars are going to expire.</p>
<p>Could you clarify differences from facility's quarterly report says "EFV HQ", and other EFV, visiting spending?</p>	<p>If the report showing EFV/Visiting HQ that means the items' spending come out of the EFV/Visiting enhancement category. General EFV or visiting supplies at the facilities come out from the \$10 incarcerated individual non-restrict funding, those are the routine items in need from the facilities. We are working with facility business managers to use the standardized language on the quarterly facility budget to actual report for the enhancement items.</p>
<p><b>Other Questions and Comments</b></p>	
<p>How was this meeting told to all? Not everyone is aware of this meeting.</p>	<p>IIBF quarterly public meeting schedule and agenda are posted on DOC public website IIBF webpage. The public meeting will always be scheduled on the last Thursday of following month when quarter ends. In addition, the agenda for the quarterly meeting also announces the date of the next scheduled quarterly meeting. Family services unit can setup this information at family communication portal once IIBF public meeting is scheduled in the future. They can do alert at the statewide communication portals.</p>
<p>Where was the communication regarding who took Anna's position? Any email sent out about filling this position? No one knows this committee was formed.</p>	<p>The IIBF budget committee has always existed. It started from the last IIBF policy revision that we worked with the Ombuds. One of the revisions was to include two family representatives on the IIBF budget committee. We reached out to statewide family council to fill those positions and they gave us Anna and Felix's name. Julie Burden was the one that provided by SFC after Anna left. Julie attended one budget committee meeting then left because her loved one was released. For the next meeting, we will reach out to SFC for another name. Please contact SFC if you are interest in this position.</p>

Why thermo, laminators, tv remote and puzzles are taking out of the recreation funding? Are you looking at those items on how things coming out of this account?

Local business managers review purchase requests come out of this fund based on the policy and state purchasing guidelines. We have the responsibility to make sure the expenditures meet the policy at the local business manager level.