

The following is a summarized list of questions and answers from the audience of the IIBF Live Event Public Meeting on July 25, 2024.

Question:	Answer:
How are vending machine commissions going to IIBF?	The vending machine contract is managed by the Washington State Department of Services for the Blind, and they select the vendor for DOC facilities based on the area availabilities. All commissions received from the Incarcerated Individual designated areas are deposited to the IIBF as vending commission revenue.
Per RCW contribution of cost of privilege, where is the standard located on the DOC website so I can read it? And has any WAC been created for that?	They are in different policies at the DOC website. IIBF policy 200.200 is one of them. The cost of privileges is also noted in DOC 540.105 Recreation Programs in Prisons.
How do incarcerated individuals know what different items they can choose to request to use IIBF funding for? Is there written guidance that lists what possible items they can request? Such as non-sporting equipment things?	As part of the FY25 IIBF supplemental budget request, we ask Superintendents and Reentry supervisors to engage the population to see what items they would like to have. Incarcerated individuals have the opportunity to engage with staff to request items. We suggest you work with your local family council or your local business manager when you or your loved one have any requests.
I was told to come here with suggestions for items we could buy with IIBF funding. My son at AHCC	These are great ideas, and we suggest you bring this up at your local family council meetings. If you have any difficulties going to the local family council meetings, you

<p>wants a second TV in their unit. He also wants the incentive program back for hygiene products.</p>	<p>can send an email to the IIBF question inbox at: dociibfquestions@doc1.wa.gov. We will make sure to forward that to your local business manager.</p>
<p>RCW establishes an account of funds; do you have a copy of the written explanation for why this fund was created outside of the treasury fund?</p>	<p>The betterment fund was created before DOC became a separate state agency. OFM has a State Administrative Manual (SAAM) that defines the IIBF as the local fund. The fund reference manual defines the betterment fund. We opened the local fund account for IIBF based on the OFM guideline.</p>
<p>Does the motion picture license have an increase scheduled every year?</p>	<p>Movie license have a small escalation each year based on the contract.</p>
<p>Several TVs are outdated, and the population is probably going to have to upgrade them, can you potentially look at how IIBF could be used to support that?</p>	<p>We are aware this was an unintended feature of the new cable contract. Some facilities have requested new TVs in the supplemental budget. Personal TVs are up to individuals.</p>

<p>When we bought a new TV, my loved one had to turn in his old TV. I know that goes into rental rotation. As the TVs get switched out, instead of the TVs being gifted to facilities can we find a way to give them to I/I who can't afford upgrades or personal TVs?</p>	<p>This would be great to bring up to your local facility since it is not our space to create a program like that, but we don't have any opposition.</p>
<p>Why does DOC carry such a large balance for the fund?</p>	<p>In previous years we didn't have a fund balance. We then put a decision package to move staff away from IIBF to the general fund. This came a year earlier than we expected. Covid also had an impact since many of the programs were paused. The new IITS contract had a huge increase in revenue from the phone and data commissions. The new FCC ruling will change this dramatically by eliminating commissions on phone calls. This will dramatically reduce fund balance in the next few years. so we would like to have funding saved for when the balance is eventually low.</p>
<p>TVs can be purchased from Commissary or Union Supply? So incarcerated individuals who purchased a TV that does not work</p>	<p>TV itself comes from Union Supply and the Commissary and CI sources the TVs from Union Supply. The options are to rent from the facility or purchase a new one.</p>

will not get replaced with a TV that will work?	
Where are standards for incarcerated individuals' fees listed?	Please reference to IIBF policy 200.200. We are working on revising the policy now and it will be reflected on that.
What happened to the tablets families purchased?	Tablets are provided at no cost to the population through the Securus, old tablets were sent home.
So, we plan on spending down the 12 million? How long do we have before the 12 million is spent down to look for another source of revenue?	Yes We need to look closer at the FCC ruling. We will be looking at the fund balance and looking into what that end date might be. We are going to try and submit a decision package to transfer line items from IIBF to general funds. We will manage and seek new opportunities as they arise.
Lodging and Transportation Assistance increase, are they considering lowering the minimum needed to reimburse millage? I have someone who is 138 miles away who won't be reimbursed.	There has been discussion on this. We are looking into options that are based on the individual's needs with a few ideas to discuss with the Secretary. The options will be based on how far they are traveling, how often they travel, whether are they crossing the mountains, etc. This still needs to be determined.
Challenges as we transition. Unfortunately, there is the continued	We will have conversations with our local business managers on spending the available IIBF funding at the facility's

<p>growth of revenue with the inability to spend. The local family council hears us, but we are hitting a wall. I request to look at how the funds are managed. We can't even get board games for in-unit activities.</p>	<p>discretion. It's going to take all of us to get on board to get this spend. We will continue to push this with our staff.</p>
<p>Donation for cultural events- Close to \$3,000 is removed from each facility for these events. But then incarcerated individuals are asked to give donations. Why?</p>	<p>The \$3,000 is money available to the facility for cultural events. Although we don't require donations, we allow donations for cultural events. We don't require donations.</p>