



REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION
SECRETARY OF STATE
 (See SFN 02580)

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Requested #: 2161

Requestor Information

Department name: Corrections and Rehabilitation
 Department number: 530
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
 Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
53077	\$105,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? State contingency funds
 Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No
 Does the request require a general fund match in this bienium? No
 Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? Yes
 Amount of funding match required: \$0

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No
 Is the request for a new program? No
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 This request does not establish a new program, but enhances existing, statutorily authorized transitional and work release programs. GPS monitoring was implemented through policy for people on inmate status participating in the programs following the 2025 legislative session to address legislative concerns regarding supervision, accountability, and community safety.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
 This request is consistent with existing statutory authority, including:

- NDCC 54-23.3-02(6)
- NDCC 54-23.3-04(2), (3), (10)
- NDCC 12-44.1-18.1
- NDCC Chapter 12-48.1



Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

Supports Public Safety Priorities

- Enhances supervision and accountability for individuals in the community.
- Responds directly to legislative concerns raised during the last session.
- Strengthens community and victim safety while preserving access to work and treatment.

Improves State Efficiency and Outcomes

- Transitional facilities have the lowest recidivism rates among DOCR populations.
- GPS monitoring allows appropriate individuals to transition safely, reducing reliance on high-cost county jail beds providing only detention services.
- Prevents unnecessary incarceration while maintaining oversight.

Advances Effective State Government

- Uses data-driven supervision tools to manage and lower risk.
- Supports responsible population management during record-high incarceration levels.
- Balances Pairs better public safety outcomes with fiscal responsibility.

Provide any other relevant information:

GPS monitoring provides an accountability tool that enhances DOCR's ability to safely operate transitional and work release programs while individuals live and work in the community. The technology enables real-time supervision, verifies compliance with approved locations, and supports prompt response to unauthorized movement or absconding. This was implemented after session. The initial cost of \$568,000 was absorbed within existing budget authority for those on inmate status. The DOCR is seeing positive accountability outcomes for these residents and we are requesting funding to support all people to be placed on GPS monitoring bracelets while in a transitional facility program no matter their status. Due to continued inmate population growth and the additional funding required to place inmates on GPS while at a transitional facility, we are requesting emergency financial support to expand this enhancement of technology for all DOCR residents in a transitional facility.

Signature

I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Michele Zander

Sign Here

02/08/2026

Date