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TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Edward E. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal
DATE: October 6, 2009
SUBJECT: Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) Annual Report

Action Requested

Attached for your information are the IWF annual reports for FY 2008/2009. In FY 2008/2009, the fund has received \$673,874 primarily from commissary and telephone revenue and expended \$849,190 primarily for education and vocational, facility and capital improvements and services for the benefit and safety of the inmates. The balance ending June 30, 2009 is \$125,325. Funds are also held for inmates in the amount of \$163,673. Penal Code Section 4025 requires these reports to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors annually.

Background

The Sheriff's Department is responsible for managing the Inmate Welfare Program. The Sheriff is personally responsible for the oversight of this fund. Programs qualifying as inmate programs provide direct benefit to the inmates. Costs associated with providing these programs are funded through the Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF). There are also items that the County is required to provide to Jail inmates as a minimum standard under State law. These costs cannot be paid by IWF. There are some instances where programs benefit not only the inmates involved, but also the County. When this occurs, program costs are often shared between the County and IWF. When appropriate, we classify items to this fund. An example of the uses for this fund are employee vocational and educational programs, vocational or educational supplies, inmate chaplaincy support and services, commissary and telephone services, library materials, inmate safety-related building improvements, inmate safety-related supplies, and staff direct program management costs. The Sheriff's Department works with the Auditor-Controller to review and audit these funds periodically.

Penal Code Section 4025 requires the annual report of expenditures and revenues to be presented to the Board of Supervisors each year as an informational item.

Fiscal Impact

This is an informational item only and has no direct fiscal impact.

Attachment: IWF Report held at COB

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