

9 - Theo Lacy Support Facilities

- 1. Program Area:**
PUBLIC PROTECTION
- 2. Identify agencies and departments involved.**
Sheriff-Coroner
- 3. Is the Strategic Priority new or previously identified in an earlier Strategic Financial Plan; if previously identified, indicate what has changed and why; identify any progress made in reaching the goals/expectations of the previously identified priority; and identify dollar amounts, by major object category, for any funding related to the Strategic Priority that is included in the FY 08-09 Budget.**

No changes from previously submitted Strategic Priority.

- 4. Provide a description of the project/program – what it is and what it will achieve. Identify how the strategic priority aligns with the mission, values, strategic initiatives and goals of the County and, if applicable, how it relates to the health and/or safety of the community.**

In the mid-1990's, the County was struggling with severe jail overcrowding which resulted in the early release of convicted criminals, court orders, and law suits. The Sheriff's Department developed a plan, which was approved by the Board, to construct over 1,400 jail beds at Theo Lacy. Implementation of that plan would achieve the maximum number of jail beds allowed under the agreement with the City of Orange, which is 3,111.

Given the minimal funding available for jail expansion, the plan did not address the need for additional support facilities to safely, efficiently, and effectively operate once the inmate population increased and when additional staffing was hired. Currently, construction of the three inmate housing buildings is completed and the buildings are fully occupied. As the inmate population has increased and as staffing has been hired, problems with support facilities are being recognized and include:

1. Booking/Release Facility – This facility is used to process inmates going to and from court, jail transfers, court ordered bookings, transfers to medical facilities, etc. The rated capacity of the cells in this area is 144. Currently, the number of inmates often exceeds 200. Safety of inmates and staff is a concern in overcrowded facilities where there is increased opportunity for inmate-on-inmate violence and inmate-on-staff violence. In addition, overcrowded facilities can result in delays in

transporting inmates to court.

2. Visiting Lobby – Currently, friends and family of inmates who arrive at Theo Lacy during visiting days must wait hours in a line that stretches outside the lobby building. Facilities were not constructed for weapons screening which results in a serious security concern.

3. Staff Support Space – There is currently insufficient locker space, staff dining space, and other support space to handle the increase in staff.

The Board approved \$150,000 to hire an architect to study Theo Lacy and recommend improvements to address the deficiencies in support facilities. Upon completion of this study, the Sheriff will submit funding requests for Board consideration in future updates of the Strategic Financial Plan. The submittal of this Strategic Priority is intended to highlight the need for future improvements needed at Theo Lacy.

5. Identify personnel – will the program/project require additional staffing? If so, estimate the number of positions by classification.

No additional staffing is required.

6. Identify cost – estimate and identify separately one-time (e.g., equipment purchases) and ongoing costs (e.g., maintenance contracts).

To be determined. Cost estimates have not been identified. Cost estimates will be determined after the scope of work for construction is developed based on the results of the architectural study.

7. Identify potential funding sources (e.g., State, Federal, General Fund, fees) and any possible limitations on those sources.

General Fund

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for funding information.

8. Identify community awareness (stakeholders).

Safety and security of inmates, Sheriff staff and the public.

9. Is the program/project mandated or discretionary?

The improvements identified during the architectural study will address safety, security, and efficiency issues at Theo Lacy.

10. Identify the implementation period if funding were available.

To be determined based on results from the architectural study.

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	FY 08-09	FY 09-10	FY 10-11	FY 11-12	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19
I. Cost											
Services & Supplies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Expense Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
II. Non-General Fund Revenue											
No Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Revenue Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
III. General Fund Requirement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IV. Staffing											
No Positions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0