

## 6b – James A. Musick Facility Expansion

- 1. Program Area:**  
PUBLIC PROTECTION
- 2. Agencies and Departments involved:**  
Sheriff Agency 060 - James A. Musick Facility (SC15)
- 3. New or previously identified in earlier Strategic Financial Plans, if previously identified, what has changed and why:**  
Previously requested. Request additional Jail beds and staffing needs due to increased inmate population.
- 4. Description of the project/program - what it is and what it will achieve:**  
When construction of Theo Lacy “Building B” began in 2002, it was anticipated that there would be sufficient jail bed capacity to close the “temporary” tents at Musick and to vacate the Central Women’s Jail (CWJ) for rehabilitation. Currently, Theo Lacy Building B was completed and 2 of the 3 housing modules in “Building B” are in use (being staffed with overtime) but since 2002, the average daily inmate population has increased 36%. Therefore, even with the use of Building B, there is no way to close the tents at Musick or the CWJ without early releasing inmates again.

The only vacant jail beds in our entire system to address future inmate population growth are in the third housing module of “Building B”. This contains 192 beds. The Sheriff’s Department’s projection for additional jail beds by the year 2010 is 2,020 beds, which include two components:

1. Beds to address inmate population growth: The Sheriff projects the need for 1,020 beds to house the projected inmate population by 2010.
2. Replacement of “temporary” facilities: The “temporary” tents and modular wooden barracks at Musick need to be replaced. These facilities hold 1,000 beds.

In summary, the County traditionally has not been able to add jail beds quickly enough to meet the increasing demand for jail beds. This resulted in over-crowded jail facilities, early release of convicted criminals, site and release programs, law suits, and court orders. The final build-out of Theo Lacy has allowed the County to catch up to the current need for jail beds. However, at this time the jail system is nearly full; the next phase of jail expansion, at Musick, will take 5 to 7 years to plan, design, and construct; and the County has facilities at Musick that need to be

replaced. Additional jail beds at Musick will be needed to avoid early release of convicted criminals in the future.

**5. Personnel - will the program/project require additional staffing? If so, estimate number of positions:**

Yes, it is estimated that 210 new positions will be needed. However, staffing requirements will be analyzed as part of the Master Plan.

**6. Cost - estimate and identify costs:**

Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for cost information.

**7. Potential Funding Sources:**

\$7.7 million is available in Fund 14Q for design and construction of the Central Laundry Facility. Another \$5 million is from sale of land for Alton Parkway. In addition, the Sheriff is willing to commit about \$5 million per year from FY 07-08 of Tobacco Settlement Revenue for the construction cost. The remaining required fund is from General Fund.

*Please refer to the attached spreadsheet for funding information.*

**8. Community Awareness (stakeholders):**

Orange County Public Safety Agencies, residents, cities

**9. Mandated or discretionary:**

Discretionary.

**10. Implementation period if funding were available:**

FY 06-07

