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Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Washington, D.C. 20531

March 11, 2020

Mr. Richard Egan
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Susanville, CA 96130

RE: Request for approval to repurpose the VOI/TIS funded Lassen County Juvenile Detention Facility

Dear Mr. Egan:

This letter is to inform you that I have received your letter dated February 11, 2020, and approve the county's request for permission from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to allow Lassen County to repurpose the Lassen County Juvenile Detention Facility, a federal VOI/TIS funded facility, from a long term juvenile detention center to be used to "expand the capacity and services of the Lassen County Adult Detention Facility to include using the facility as an intake center to receive low-level adult offenders for assessment, provide transition services from custody to community, and link offenders with service providers prior to release."

The county's request is approved based on the fact that the county plans to continue using the VOI/TIS facility for a criminal justice purpose (i.e. to provide intake assessment and transition services for the county's adult detention facility), as required in the BJA Guidance for States on the Use and Disposition Requirements for VOI/TIS-Funded Facilities available at <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/VOITISFacilityGuidance.pdf>.

The county must continue to request and receive prior written approval from BJA in order to make future changes regarding the use of the facility, to cease operating the facility, or to dispose of or sell the facility.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Faley, BJA Associate Deputy Director, at Jonathan.Faley@usdoj.gov or (202) 514-2350.

Sincerely,

Michael Costigan
Acting BJA Director

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February 11, 2020

Jon Adler, BJA Director
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RE: Request for Bureau of Justice Assistance approval of an alternative criminal justice use for the Lassen County Juvenile Detention Facility

Dear Mr. Adler:

Thank you for your letter dated September 10, 2019, approving of and authorizing Lassen County's request to close the Lassen County Juvenile Detention Facility.

The purpose of this letter is to request the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)'s approval and authorization to use the facility for alternative criminal justice purpose. The alternative purpose would be to expand upon the capacity and services of the Lassen County Adult Detention Facility. Initially, the facility may be used as an intake center to receive low-level non-combative offenders for assessment, help to provide transition services from custody to community, and to link offenders with service providers prior to release.

On December 20, 2018, field representatives with the State of California's Board of State and Community Corrections toured the facility. A verbal determination was offered that the facility exceeds the State's Title 24 physical standards for use of the facility as an Adult Detention Facility. In addition, the facility meets Title 15 minimum standards for local detention facilities.

We are hopeful that the BJA will approve and authorize the County's request to use the facility to expand upon the capacity and services of the Lassen County Adult Detention Facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Richard Egan".

RICHARD EGAN, County Administrative Officer

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