



City of Redmond

15670 NE 85th Street
Redmond, WA

Memorandum

Date: 11/3/2025
Meeting of: City Council Special Meeting

File No. AM No. 25-161
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

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TITLE:

Approval of the 2026 Rate Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Redmond and the South Correctional Entity (SCORE)

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

The City of Redmond is required to provide for housing for inmates detained on City misdemeanor charges. The City currently contracts with South Correctional Entity (SCORE), located in Des Moines, to provide these jail services. This Amendment to the 2026 SCORE ILA for Inmate Housing contains a rate increase of five (5) percent for guaranteed and non-guaranteed inmate beds.

The daily rates for guaranteed and non-guaranteed beds will be effective January 1, 2026

☐ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☐ **Receive Information** ☐ **Provide Direction** ☒ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
N/A
- **Required:**
The City is required by law to house misdemeanants under RCW 39.34.180 (Criminal Justice Responsibilities - Interlocal Agreements - Termination).
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**

N/A

OUTCOMES:

In 2026, the City will secure twenty-two (22) guaranteed jail beds per day through the SCORE Jail, reflecting a 5% rate increase over 2025. The booking fee will also increase from \$80 to \$95. Increasing the number of guaranteed beds to 22 aligns with projected daily usage, reduces use of more costly non-guaranteed beds, and is estimated to save approximately \$54,000 annually.

Guaranteed beds are priced at \$155.69 per day, compared to \$223.83 for non-guaranteed beds, a difference of nearly 44%. Expanding the guaranteed allocation provides greater budget predictability and minimizes the risk of overage charges.

This adjustment is further supported by the fact that approximately 90% of the inmate population requires medical or mental health services. These needs contribute to rising costs and help explain the rate adjustments.

Historically, the number of guaranteed beds was reduced during the pandemic to avoid paying for unused capacity. However, the allocation was not adjusted upward as demand returned, resulting in actual bed usage significantly exceeding the guaranteed amount in 2023 and 2024 and causing the City to exceed its budget. In 2025, the guaranteed bed count was increased to twenty (20), putting us back on track to be within budget. Raising the count to twenty-two (22) in 2026 will maintain alignment with actual usage while keeping projected costs within the anticipated budget given the rate increase.

In 2025, the jail averaged 22.4 occupied beds per day, with an average length of stay of approximately 12 days.

- **Number of Bookings**

The number of bookings fluctuated throughout the year, ranging from a low of 47 in February to a high of 91 in August. This variation likely reflects seasonal or operational factors influencing jail intake. Estimated bookings for the final quarter average around 56, suggesting a moderate return to midyear levels following the August peak.

- **Average Daily Population (ADP)**

The average daily population (ADP) representing the number of jail beds used on average per day - ranged from 20.0 in February to 28.4 in July, with a yearly mean of 22.4.

- **Average Length of Stay**

The average length of stay varied significantly throughout the year, reflecting differences in case processing times and the nature of offenses. The shortest average stay was 7.03 days in August, while the longest was 16.02 days in July. The lower August figure may indicate that many bookings involved minor offenses resulting in quicker releases. On average, individuals stayed about 12 days.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

N/A

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

N/A

- **Feedback Summary:**

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Estimated Cost Summary for 2026

Booking: \$65,550.00

General Housing - Guaranteed Beds: \$1,250,190.70

General Housing - Non-Guaranteed Beds: \$20,144.70

Mental Health Residential: \$173,474.80

Medical Acute: \$104,706.03

Mental Health Acute: \$23,451.00

Transport & Security: \$14,400.00

Estimated total cost: \$1,651,917.23

Approved in current biennial budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

228 Criminal Justice

Budget Priority:

Safe and Resilient

Other budget impacts or additional costs: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If yes, explain:

Included in the Total Cost statement, costs of specialized services have historically exceeded the budget allotment.

Funding source(s):

General Fund

Budget/Funding Constraints:

The 2026 budget for SCORE Services is \$1,650,000.

☐ **Additional budget details attached**

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
11/3/2025	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

SCORE requests that the Interlocal Agreement Amendment be signed and returned by October 31, 2025. The amendment will take effect on January 1, 2026.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

This 2026 SCORE ILA Amendment guarantees the City will have jail beds and services for detained inmates in 2026. If not signed, the City would need to immediately explore other options for jail services; these options are limited and could come at a greater expense or decreased services.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: 2026 Amendment to Original Agreement for Inmate Housing

Attachment B: 2026 SCORE Jail Rate Increase Letter

Attachment C: SCORE Jail Bed Data (Spreadsheet)

Attachment D: SCORE Jail Cost Analysis, 2026