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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

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Reference: AB 199 Backfill Allocation Spending Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 from Criminal Justice Fees Eliminated in AB 177

Dear Mr. Hemann, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Stephenshaw:

Please find attached the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' submission of the above-referenced report. As required by Government Code section 29554 subsection (f), the attached report details the County of Santa Barbara's spending of the State backfill allocation by Chapter 57 of the Statutes of 2022 (AB 199) for revenues lost from fees repealed by Chapter 257 of the Statutes of 2021 (AB 177).

Sincerely,

  
Laura Capps, Chair  
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

Enclosure: AB 199 (Chapter 57, Statutes of 2022) Backfill Allocation Spending Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 for Criminal Justice Fees Eliminated in AB 177 (Chapter 257, Statutes of 2021)

CC: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

**County of Santa Barbara**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025**

**AB 199 (Chapter 57, Statutes of 2022) Backfill Allocation Spending Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25**  
**for Criminal Justice Fees Eliminated in AB 177 (Chapter 257, Statutes of 2021)**

<b>Total annual budget for each county department that receives any backfill allocation.</b>	<b>Share of allocation received for all recipients and allocation amounts.</b>	<b>Expenditures of the allocation for each county department that receives a share of the total allocation.</b>	<b>A detailed description of the programs, services, strategies, and enhancements supported by or made with the allocation by county department.</b>
The FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget for the Probation Department is \$89,436,200.	The Probation Department received \$418,200 (64.2%) of the total \$651,457.95 backfill.	\$280,728.35	Ongoing backfill funds are allocated to the Probation Department to fund two Pretrial Support Specialist (PTSS) Seniors and one Deputy Probation Officer (DPO). The PTSS Seniors review the reports of lower level PTSS staff before submission to the courts, and complete reports that are considered more difficult, to aid in the pretrial release of individuals who are booked into County jail. The DPO provides supervision services and ensures compliance with pretrial release conditions for the growing number of individuals subject to pretrial release. All three positions were filled partway through the fiscal year, resulting in only a portion of the allocated funds being spent. The Probation Department anticipates fully expending its annual allocation in the current fiscal year (FY 2025-26).
N/A - funding transferred to California Department of State Hospitals (DSH)	N/A - funding drawn from prior years' backfill allocation balance, not current year allocation	N/A - County department did not receive funding; please see narrative for further explanation	Within the reporting period, a total of \$569,300 in one-time unallocated backfill funding was transferred to the State to fund the County's FY 2022-23 (\$414,000) and FY 2023-24 (\$155,300) DSH growth cap penalty payments. These amounts were drawn from AB 199 fund balance comprised of prior years' unallocated backfill funding. Growth cap penalty payments may ultimately be returned to the County for local use, provided the County submits and DSH approves an expenditure plan that outlines planned uses of the funding, aimed at reducing the County's felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) population. DSH has approved the County's expenditure plan for the FY 2022-23 penalty funding, and those funds have since been returned to the County for restricted use within the Public Defender's Office. The expenditure plan for the FY 2023-24 growth cap penalty has yet to be developed and submitted to DSH.

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			<p>The County anticipates that a portion of the ongoing funding allocation may also be needed to support these one-time funding obligations for future growth cap penalty payments and has therefore elected to keep the remainder of the ongoing funding unallocated, in order to preserve financial flexibility to meet these obligations.</p>
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