



## Board Summary Report

**Date:** November 4, 2019

**To:** Board of County Commissioners

**Through:** Tyler Brown, Sheriff

**From:** Robert Stef, Support Services Bureau Chief

**Subject:** Social Security Administration Incentive Payment Program

**Direction/Information:** The purpose of this Board Summary Report is to provide information and request approval from the Board of County Commissioners to continue participating in the Social Security Administration Incentive Payment Program (Incentive Payment Program).

### Request and Recommendation

The Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office wants to update the Board on the success of the Incentive Payment Program and requests that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the Arapahoe County Sheriff to sign the 2019 Incentive Payment Memorandum of Understanding (IPMOU) between Arapahoe County and the Social Security Administration (SSA), as well as any amendments and extensions thereto.

### Background

Sections 202(x)(1)(A) and 1611(e)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act require the SSA to suspend benefits paid to inmates incarcerated in public institutions. In 2001, Arapahoe County signed the (IPMOU), agreeing to provide the SSA with monthly reports detailing the name, date of birth, confinement date, and conviction date of inmates admitted to the Arapahoe County Detention Facility during the preceding calendar month. The SSA then determines whether suspension of benefits is appropriate and pays Arapahoe County an incentive between \$200 and \$400 for each suspension taking place as a result of the Detention Center’s monthly reports.

### Links to Align Arapahoe

**Fiscal Responsibility:** The Sheriff’s Office demonstrates good stewardship of taxpayer funds by assisting the SSA in administering its programs and earning extra revenue for the County.

### Discussion

The Arapahoe County Detention Facility administrative staff has been providing reports and collecting incentive payments to the SSA since 2002. From then until September, 2019, \$629,800 in incentive payments have been paid to Arapahoe County. The SSA recently updated its MOU, detailing reporting methods and qualifications, but the program itself is essentially unchanged. The Sheriff’s Office wants to continue participating in the Incentive Program by signing the 2019 IPMOU.

### Alternatives

The alternative is to discontinue participation and forgo the extra revenue earned.

**Fiscal Impact**

Since Arapahoe County first began participating in the Incentive Payment program in 2002, we have been paid a total of \$629,800 in incentive payments, as detailed below:

**Social Security Incentive Payments**

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
\$ 26,000.00	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 27,200.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,200.00	\$ 38,200.00	\$ 35,600.00

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 ytd
\$ 38,200.00	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 43,400.00	\$ 61,400.00	\$ 53,400.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 25,400.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 12,000.00

The only cost to the County is minimal administrative time to complete the weekly reporting and record confirmations.

**Concurrence**

The Sheriff's Office Administration, Support Services Bureau, and Detention Services Bureau are in concurrence with this recommendation.

**Attorney Comments**

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