

LIFER'S GROUP INC.

FAST FACTS

DOC PROGRAM SPENDING

The Lifer's Group Inc. publishes annually a report on the expenditures of the DOC. A question has been raised asking where did the DOC spend \$9,437,102 on programs for prisoners in Fiscal Year 2023? While spending nearly \$9.5 million on programs may seem a lot, to put that into perspective, it comprised a mere 1.3¢ of every dollar spent by the DOC in fiscal 2023 (\$746,554,721).

Nonetheless, the Lifer's Group Inc. has obtained where that \$9,437,102 was spent:

Spectrum Recidivism Reduction - \$7,207,203 or 76.8%
Contract

Incarcerated Individual Wages - \$2,132,249 or 22.6%

Tablet Expenses - \$ 97,650 or 1.0%

In addition, the DOC projects an expense in excess of \$5 million annually for ~~tablets~~ beginning in Fiscal Year 2024. Whether the \$7.2 million spent on Spectrum Recidivism Reduction Contract was well spent is difficult to determine since the DOC does not publish recent recidivism rates.

The Lifer's Group Inc. also requested the expense data for replacing free weights in all the institutions after the incident at MCI-Shirley. The DOC spent \$428,556 from its Operating Account and \$58,202 from the MCI-Norfolk's Inmate Benefit Fund due to a deviation from the selected equipment purchased through the Operating Account.

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