

## **Fulltime Correctional Officer – 24/7 Sobriety Program Coordinator**

With an increase in the participants in the overall 24/7 Sobriety Program at the Brookings County Detention Center, we are needing a correctional officer that can focus on this program to help it maintain running efficiently and effectively.

We currently handle several areas of this program which include,

- PBT Breath Testing
- Urinalysis Testing
- SCRAM Bracelets
- Interlock Vehicle Devices
- Drug Patches

Having a person that can focus on this program will assist in the integrity and accuracy of the program by maintaining records, reports, and monies. This need has grown larger over the past year especially with the addition of the Drug Patch Program which requires a great deal of attention with reviewing test results, preparing reports, and maintaining accurate files. In one year time we have went from having no one on the program to currently handling 16 participants. This may not sound like a lot of participants, but the time involved with each one for patch maintenance and file maintenance is consuming.

We are looking at this correctional officer to work a 40 hour work week. The cost of this person would be approximately \$36,046.40 a year plus approximately \$12,000.00 for benefits, for a total of \$48,046.40. This would be covered by monies from the 24/7 Sobriety Program Account (75% or \$36,034.80) and through the regular Detention Center Budget (25% or \$12,011.60).

We currently have \$ 144,433.00 saved in the 24/7 Sobriety Program Account. The program also generates approximately 40,000.00 per year.

Other points:

- We are looking at hiring Part-time Correctional Officer Tonia Thornton into this position. She currently helps out with the 24/7 Sobriety Program but also does other correctional officer duties. We would not look at hiring another part-time correctional officer in the vacancy of her position.
- Currently we have 2-3 part-time correctional officers that work two 4 hour shifts through the day to help with the 24/7 Sobriety Program, including Correctional Officer Tonia Thornton. With hiring her full-time, she can focus more directly on the program.
- Correctional Officer Thornton has already been working a lot of hours to assist with this program and is nearing a point that we would need to start paying her benefits.