

Public Safety Bond



Salt Lake County is moving a bond question to the public to finance significant countywide criminal justice system needs and improvements.

What Will the Public Safety Bond Cover?

Consolidating and Improving the County Jail:

- Consolidating the two county jails to improve efficiencies and reduce operational costs.
- Increasing mental health beds and providing expanded mental health treatment.
- Expanding for future population growth. Since 2001, not a single jail bed has been added. Yet, Salt Lake County's population has increased by nearly 300,000 people over the last 20+ years.
- Building a Community Re-entry Step Down Unit to help people leaving jail prepare to rejoin society. This will provide a dedicated space where inmates preparing to exit jail will be connected with case workers and providers who will identify risks, needs, and the resources needed for them to rejoin society on a path toward self-reliance.

Building a Justice and Accountability Center:

- Primarily for low-level offenders who are repeatedly involved in the criminal justice system because of underlying issues, such as unstable housing, and mental health and substance use disorders that have not been addressed.
- The Justice and Accountability Center will provide intervention in the form of a structured environment with resources to stop the cycle of criminal behavior, including dedicated case workers, job training and employment services, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and connection to housing opportunities.
- Holds people responsible for their actions while simultaneously helping them reenter our community on a path toward self-reliance.

Why is the Public Safety Bond on the Ballot?

- The Public Safety Bond for the Justice and Accountability Center and Jail expansion is a key part of Salt Lake County's comprehensive **Human Services, Homelessness, and Criminal Justice Action Plan**. More info: slco.to/plan
- **America's drug crisis has led to increased substance use and criminal activity** on our streets. In addition to the County's expanded Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Task Force, law enforcement and community resources like the Justice and Accountability Center and Jail Re-entry Step Down Unit will help break the cycle of repeat offenses.

Facility Needs	Bond Costs
Maintenance and Improvements: Jail (Adult Detention Center)/Sheriff's Office Building	\$90,000,000
Jail Expansion and Improvements	\$427,000,000
Justice and Accountability Center	\$100,000,000
Oxbow Demolition	\$10,000,000
TOTAL:	\$627,000,000
Source	Cost Offsets
Oxbow Sale	-\$20,000,000
County Set Aside	-\$100,000,000
Bond Total:	\$507,000,000

Taxpayer Cost:

- Average household: **\$58.94/year, under \$5/month**
- Average business: **\$107.16/year, under \$9/month**

More info: slco.to/bond