

Justice Accountability Center Legislative Intent:

It is the legislative intent of the Salt Lake County Council to provide the following policy objectives concerning the purpose and operations of a future Justice Accountability Center, should the voters of Salt Lake County approve a general obligation bond in the 2024 election authorizing the County to issue bonds that pay for the construction of such a facility.

1) The primary purpose of a future Justice Accountability Center shall be to reduce crime by placing eligible individuals – primarily low-risk repeat offenders – in a lower-security correctional facility designed to promote public safety, implement sanctions, and reduce recidivism through intensive rehabilitation services.

2) Intensive rehabilitation services are understood to include the following:

- Traditional services, protocols, and tools used by the criminal justice system;
- Services based on Principles of Effective Intervention (PEI), including risk, need, responsivity, and treatment;
- Evidence-based treatment practices including actuarial risk/needs assessments, targeted interventions that prioritize supervision and treatment resources for higher risk offenders, comprehensive mental health and substance use treatment, cognitive behavioral therapies, skill training with directed practice, job placement, connection to housing opportunities, and ongoing support in natural communities;
- Intermediate sanctions including the practice of revocation (incarceration) for misbehavior, or a determination made by a sentencing court, Board of Parole, or local supervisory authority that the purposes of placement are not being served.

3) The Justice Accountability Center's operations shall be structured to measure relevant processes and practices sufficient that the County's policymakers receive necessary feedback on achievement of policy outcomes and goals.