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| Legal Citation/Authority | Chapter 714, Statutes of 1981  
Penal Code sections 2700 and 5005-5008 |
| Fund Classification | GAAP Basis  
Proprietary/Enterprise Funds |
| Legal Basis | Nongovernmental/Trust and Agency Funds--Non-Federal |
| Purpose | The money in the Inmate Welfare Fund (fund) is used for the benefit, education, and welfare of inmates of prisons and institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (Corrections), including the establishment, maintenance, employment of personnel for, and purchase of items for sale to inmates at canteens maintained at the State institutions, and for the establishment, maintenance, employment of personnel and necessary expenses in connection with the operation of the hobby shops at institutions under the jurisdiction of Corrections.  
All net proceeds from the operation of canteens and hobby shops and any money which may be assigned to the State prison by prisoners will be deposited in this fund.  
This fund also provides for certain inmate benefits within the operation of inmate canteens: including the purchase of fiction books and periodic publications, rental of movie films, purchase of handicraft equipment, purchase of inmate newspaper supplies and materials, and inmate pay. Through the photo project, some institutions provide for the taking of photographs of inmates and visitors.  
Inmate Welfare Fund and inmate trust account money, which are not necessary for immediate use are invested, and the interest earnings from those investments are deposited into this fund. |
| Administering Agency/Organization Code | Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation/Org 5225 |
| Major Revenue Source |  
- Net Proceeds from the operation of inmate canteens.  
- Service charges from the sale of handicraft items.  
- Interest income from investments. |
| Disposition of Fund (upon abolishment) | Pursuant to Government Code 16346, absent language that identifies a successor fund, any balance remaining in this fund upon abolishment shall be transferred to the General Fund. |
| Appropriation Authority | Upon appropriation by the Legislature. |
### State Appropriations Limit

**Always Excluded** – Revenues in this fund are not proceeds of taxes and even after transfer, will never become proceeds of taxes because the major revenue source is derived from a Trust and Agency Fund (Non-Federal).

### Comments/Historical Information

The Inmate Welfare Fund was created by Chapter 102, Statutes of 1945 by consolidating several institution inmate welfare funds.

Chapter 382, Statutes of 1975 made expenditures for television set purchase, replacement, and repair; athletic uniforms and recreational supplies; and overtime for staff coverage of special events a cost of the General Fund. These costs were previously charged to the Inmate Welfare Fund.

Chapter 145, Statutes of 1995 authorized payment by the Inmate Welfare Fund for the costs of television recordings and athletic uniforms. These costs were previously charged to the General Fund.

Administering organization changed from 5240 to 5225 per Chapter 10, Statutes of 2005.