



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

**Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**  
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**Submitted on:**  
**(COB Stamp)**

**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness and  
Public Defender  
**Department No.:** 043 & 023  
**Agenda Date:** December 16, 2025  
**Placement:** Administrative Agenda  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT: Grant Agreement with the California Board of State and Community Corrections  
for Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act Grant for Justice  
and Healing Collaborative with Behavioral Wellness and Public Defender for Fiscal  
Years 2025-29**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management: CEO Budget:  
HR

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness, or designated representative, to execute the California Board of State and Community Correction Standard Agreement No. 1416-25 for the Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act program to provide pre-trial services to individuals with

behavioral health challenges for a total grant maximum amount of \$8,000,000 for the term of October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029;

- i. Approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to execute any amendments to Board of State and Community Corrections Standard Agreement No. 1416-25 and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary to secure these funds and participate in the Proposition 47 Cohort 5 program without having to return to the Board for approval, subject to the Board's authority to rescind this delegated authority at any time;
  - ii. Direct the Director of the Department of Behavioral Wellness or designee to obtain concurrence from Risk Management, Auditor-Controller, and County Counsel before exercising the delegated authority for the above recommended action;
- b) Adopt an amendment to the Salary Resolution (No. 07-207), effective December 22, 2025, to add one (1.0) full-time equivalent [FTE] Deputy Public Defender III and one (1.0) FTE ADMHS Case Worker to the Public Defender's Office;
- c) Approve Budget Revision Request (BJE) No. 0010896, to increase appropriations of \$1,320,725 in Behavioral Wellness Mental Health Service Act Fund for Salaries & Benefits (\$185,525), Services & Supplies (\$974,370), and other Financing Uses (\$160,830) funded by unanticipated revenue Intergovernmental Rev-State (\$1,320,725); increase appropriations of \$160,430 in Public Defender General Funds for Salaries & Benefits (\$153,694), Services & Supplies (\$6,736) funded by unanticipated revenue from Intergovernmental Rev-State (\$160,430); increase appropriations of \$400 in Probation General Funds for Services & Supplies (\$400) funded by unanticipated revenue from Intergovernmental Rev-State (\$400);
- d) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a "Project" that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that these actions are a governmental funding mechanism and/or fiscal activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**Summary Text:**

This item is on the Board of Supervisors agenda to request authorization for the Director of Behavioral Wellness (BWell) to execute Standard Agreement No. 1416-25 with the California Board of State and Community Corrections to accept Proposition 47 Cohort 5 grant funds for \$8,000,000 for the term of October 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029. These grant funds will be used to provide early intervention services and assessments for individuals who are arrested that are experiencing substance use disorders, trauma, or other behavioral health challenges with the goal of reducing pre-trial detention, jail time, and the rate of recidivism and racial disparity. This item also requests the approval of the Salary Resolution adding two new positions to the Public Defender's Office and to accept a Budget Journal Entry to add the grant funds to the FY 25-26 Budgets.

**Discussion:**

BWell was awarded \$8,000,000 from Proposition 47 (Prop 47) Cohort 5, Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act Grant Program funding from California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for Justice & Healing Collaborative (JHC) for the term of October 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. The BSCC grant funds will expand JHC services with the Early Representation (ER) model to provide alternatives to jail for individuals with behavioral health challenges. Services will include screening, referrals to supportive services such as the Sobering Center, ER, Step-Down Housing, expanding

recovery residence beds and residential treatment programs for those requiring court mandated treatment under Proposition 36 (Prop 36), and other beneficial programs, as well as data collection and analysis. The Prop 47 supported project activity period ends December 31, 2028, allowing for the period of January 1, 2029 to June 30, 2029 for the completion of final local evaluation reporting and financial audit.

The ER Model includes targeting individuals with substance use disorder, behavioral health challenges, homelessness, and racial disparity through rapid screening and connections to community-based services within 48 to 72 hours of arrest. The goal is to reduce the harm of pre-trial incarceration for those individuals who are well-suited to be released from jail and diverted from the criminal legal system.

In addition, funds will strengthen collaboration with the existing Prop 36 diversion team and support the addition of a BWell Prop 36 Court Liaison. Prop 36 funds will provide eligible individuals with access to Residential Treatment and Recovery Residence beds, while Prop 47 funds will expand and enhance these services. Finally, JHC will continue to partially fund the most effective services from prior Prop 47 cohort funding, including the Sobering Center and Step-Down Housing. BWell treatment services may be operated in partnership with community-based organizations. Through offering multiple diversion pathways, JHC aims to reduce recidivism for individuals with behavioral health disorders.

#### **Background:**

BWell applied for Prop 47, Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act Grant Program funding from BSCC and was awarded \$8,000,000 for JHC targeting to identify and divert individuals with behavioral health challenges, as soon as possible after arrest, for pre-arraignment diversion into an ER model. Through earlier screening and expanded care and treatment, this grant will provide support to individuals with the aim to reduce recidivism and racial disparities in our jail population. Service referrals include Sobering Center, Public Defender's ER, Step Down Housing, residential treatment programs, and recovery residence beds. In addition, the JHC clients will have access to the full continuum of care from BWell.

The County jail system routinely houses an average of around 750 people, with approximately 80% of that population incarcerated pre-trial. This means that at any given time, approximately 600 people are separated from their families and face the danger of losing jobs, benefits, and connections to other vital services prior to a criminal conviction. Nine out of ten people in our jails are impacted by a complex combination of factors including substance use disorders (SUD), behavioral health concerns and challenges, trauma, and other related circumstances.

To secure the grant funds, BWell was required to leverage other funds. Good Samaritan Shelter is an active partner and current County contractor working together to serve our community members. Good Samaritan is providing \$1,380,000 in leveraged funds through salaries, benefits, services, and supplies for the existing Step-Down Housing Program and the Sobering Center. Good Samaritan will receive \$2,935,876 as a subcontractor and together with the leveraged funds will increase the size and scope of these programs to include JHC clients.

#### **Performance Measure:**

Quarterly progress reports are required to be submitted to BSCC regarding performance toward BSCC-defined program objectives and additional required data. The three program goal that BWell will be reporting on will include 1) divert justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs away from the criminal justice system; 2) increase access and engagement to the right level and type of behavioral health care to meet individualized needs; and 3) promote long-term recovery and client stability by holistically addressing the complex social needs of underserved individuals through

housing, case management, and supportive services. Each goal is assessed through multiple objectives and process and outcome measures, including number of referrals, number of individuals agreeing to services, demographics, housing status, engagement in behavioral health treatment, jail bookings, and recidivism.

In addition, JHC will partner with the University of California Santa Barbara and BWell staff to provide evaluation to inform understanding and refine the program with quantitative and qualitative data and analysis. Data will be shared with Probation, Sheriff, and the Court through the Santa Barbara Data Sharing Committee. A separate agreement outlining the evaluation program will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval at a later date.

#### **Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No; Budget Revision Request # 0010896 is included as part of the request.

#### **Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>FY 2027-28</b>	<b>FY 2028-29</b>	<b>Total</b>
Federal					<b>\$0</b>
State Grant: Prop 47	\$1,320,725	\$2,642,024	\$2,671,895	\$1,365,356	<b>\$8,000,000</b>
General Fund					<b>\$0</b>
Fees					<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,320,725</b>	<b>\$2,642,024</b>	<b>\$2,671,895</b>	<b>\$1,365,356</b>	<b>\$8,000,000</b>

The above costs will be funded through a State Grant, Prop 47 Grant, which is a cost reimbursement grant. BWell will be the lead agency and bill directly to BSCC for Public Defender and Probation Department costs. Further, one of BWell's contracted providers will be able to leverage California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) and Community Corrections Partnership funds for Step-Down Housing and the Sobering Center.

BWell position costs are estimated at \$276,223 annually; FY 2025-26 costs are projected at \$138,111 (six months) due to the January start date for the grant. Position costs are projected at \$284,116 for FY 2026-27 and \$292,628 for FY 2027-28. In FY 2028-29, position costs will be \$150,884 (six months) due to the December 2028 project end date of the grant. Operational costs in FY 2025-26 (9 months) are projected at \$974,370 for services provided by the Good Samaritan Shelter and University of California Santa Barbara. Operational costs are projected at \$1,893,393 for FY 2026-27, \$1,893,393 for FY 2027-28, and \$960,060 for FY 2028-29.

Public Defender position costs are estimated at \$307,387 annually; however, FY 2025-26 costs are projected at \$153,694 (six months) due to the January start date for the grant. There are anticipated cost increases of approximately 5% annually plus cost-of-living adjustments (COLA). Position costs are projected at \$322,756 for FY 2026-27 and \$338,894 for FY 2027-28. In FY 2028-29, position costs will be \$177,919 (six months) due to the December 2028 project end date of the grant. In addition, there will be a one-time operational cost in FY 2025-26 of \$6,736 for IT equipment (\$3,300 per employee).

Probation operational costs for FY 2025-26 are projected at \$400 for the retrieval of recidivism data. Operational costs are projected at \$533 for FY 2026-27, \$533 for FY 2027-28, and \$533 for FY 2028-29.

**Staffing Impacts:**

The grant will fund 1.0 FTE Deputy Public Defender III and 1.0 FTE ADMHS Case Worker in the Public Defender's Office for the duration of the program.

**Position Request Summary**

Legal Position Title	Number of FTE	Estimated Cost
Deputy Public Defender III, Step B	1.0	\$183,838
ADMHS Case Worker, Step A	1.0	\$123,549
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>\$307,387</b>

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order along with one (1) executed copy of the executed Salary Resolution to [msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org](mailto:msimongersuk@sbcbswell.org) and to [bswellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bswellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

**Attachment A** – Standard Agreement BSCC 1416-25

**Attachment B** – Compliance Notice Form

**Attachment C** – BJE 0010896

**Attachment D** – Salary Resolution No. 07-207

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