



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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**Department Name:** Probation  
**Department No.:** 022  
**For Agenda Of:** May 19, 2020  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Tanja Heitman, Chief Probation Officer (805) 882-3652  
Director(s)  
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**SUBJECT:** First Amendment to Agreement with Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse 2019-2023

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:** Risk Management

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to Agreement for Services (number BC 19-409 ) of Independent Contractor with Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (a local vendor),
- B. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to approve subsequent line-item budget changes to Attachment B-1 of the Agreement in an amount not to exceed 10% of the stated line-item budgeted amounts for each service, as long as the total contract amount of the Agreement is not increased, and as long as the total budgeted amounts by each funding source are not exceeded;
- C. Determine that these activities are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that these activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these activities may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA.

**Summary Text:**

The Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) program was established by the 2018 Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and a later related trailer bill (Assembly Bill 1812, Chapter 36,

Statutes of 2018). This grant provides funds for the diversion of low-level and low risk youthful offenders at the point of their initial contact with law enforcement in order to reduce the number of youth who enter the juvenile justice system. The grant supports approaches which are evidence based, culturally relevant, trauma informed, and developmentally appropriate and is meant for communities where the rate of racial/ethnic disparities is high, within an already high rate of juvenile arrests. The Department, in partnership with CADA, applied to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for this grant as authorized by the Board of Supervisors on March 19, 2019 and was awarded funding on June 13, 2019. Ninety percent of awarded funds will be passed through to CADA to provide diversion services county-wide for youth who, without these alternatives, would likely enter the juvenile justice system. A separate and required program evaluation of grant services will be provided by UCSB. On October 15, 2019, the Board approved contracts with CADA and UCSB for services under this grant, which must now be amended to include contract language required by the BSCC and to amend the previously approved allocation of the budget.

**Background:**

Over the last two decades, continued research in the field of juvenile justice has shown that traditional responses to juvenile offenders, including arrest and incarceration, are not effective. Ideally, youth should be diverted at the earliest possible point and to the greatest extent possible, to avoid drawing youth deeper into the justice system. This has resulted in an evolution of the juvenile justice and juvenile probation best practices, since youth on probation often experience a higher rate of recidivism than youth who were diverted without formal contact with the juvenile court. Diverting youth also decreases the possibility of exposure to negative influences within the juvenile justice system.

There is a need for a broader base of diversion services in Santa Barbara County, which will enable the County to continue transforming juvenile justice practices. The YRG offers an opportunity to establish these services in partnership with CADA, local school districts, and local law enforcement. Services will be provided to low-level juvenile offenders, particularly those who are first-time offenders and those with certain misdemeanor charges. Law enforcement, Probation, and education partners may divert youth into programs and services which will not require the involvement of the juvenile justice system, but will instead rely on case management by CADA to work with youth and families and change at-risk behaviors. CADA will track and report outcomes on this population as part of their work under the grant, and grant evaluation will be provided by University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) under separate agreement. Amendments to the contract will add language required under the County's grant agreement with BSCC and will adjust CADA's budget to shift allocations from FY 19-20 to the remainder of the contract term, due to low costs incurred during the implementation phase. This will permit additional training for grant-funded staff.

**Performance Measure:**

Outcome measures under development for diversion services will include but not be limited to: reduction in the number of misdemeanor arrests in the county; a further reduction in the number of misdemeanor youth on probation; and a low rate of recidivism for youth referred into diversion services provided under the grant.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State	\$ 111,075.30		\$ 715,674.42
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 27,768.83		\$ 178,918.61
Total	\$ 138,844.13	\$ -	\$ 894,593.03

**Narrative:**

The attached Amendment shifts budget line items from Salaries/Benefits to Training and Operating Expenses. The total contract amount for the term of the Grant remains the same.

Execution of the Agreement will not increase the General Fund Contribution to the Probation Department.

**Key Contract Risks:**

A risk assessment has been completed and key contract risks were not identified.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

No effect

**FTEs:**

No effect

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) fully signed original of the Agreement to:  
Damon Fletcher, Administrative Deputy Director  
Probation Department  
117 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara CA 93101

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse FY 2019-2020 Amended Agreement  
Attachment B: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Board Contract 19-409 Original Agreement

**Authored by:**

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