



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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

Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
Agenda Date: January 27, 2026
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from: N/A
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors 

FROM: Department Director: Holly L. Benton, Chief Probation Officer

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SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley for Fiscal Years (FY) 2025-27

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute a First Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, (BC 24330) to extend the performance term to June 30, 2027, and to increase the contract total by \$1,277,419.00, from \$914,317 to \$2,191,736.00 due to services being added and the contract being extended. Ratified modifications include the Restorative Justice Program cost transitioning to funding two full-time equivalent (FTE) beginning January 15, 2026, and adding two FTE Youth Programming Specialists beginning January 15, 2026.
- b) Determine that the above-recommended action is not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are governmental funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda for your Board to approve a First Amendment (Attachment A) to the Agreement with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV) (BC 24330). FBSMV provides evidence-based programming and mentoring services to youth housed at the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) and to youth supervised by the Probation Department in the community. The proposed amendment extends the performance period by one year, from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2027, and adds funding in the amount of \$1,277,419 for the additional and expanded services. The amendment increases the total contract amount from \$914,317 to \$2,191,736. Ratified modifications include the Restorative Justice Program cost transitioning to funding two full-time equivalent (FTE) beginning January 15, 2026, and adding two FTE Youth Programming Specialists beginning January 15, 2026

Discussion:

The proposed First Amendment extends the Agreement performance period through June 30, 2027. It also revises the scope of services and associated budgets to better align with service delivery needs across the county.

Targeted Intervention services, previously limited to youth in Santa Maria, will continue only through December 31, 2025, with a corresponding reduction in the service budget. Mentoring services will be expanded to include enhanced assistance with education and employment goals for youth throughout the county.

The recommended action is to ratify this Amendment as it modifies the Restorative Justice Program cost structure by continuing Fee-for-Service payments through January 14, 2026, and thereafter transitioning to funding two full-time equivalent (FTE) beginning January 15, 2026. Additionally the Amendment adds two FTE Youth Programming Specialists (YPS) to begin providing services on January 15, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

In addition to mentoring, YPS staff will facilitate several evidence-based programs, including Seeking Safety, Thinking for a Change, Reasoning and Rehabilitation, and Joven Noble, as well as the ARISE gang intervention program, a promising practice. Services will be provided to youth on probation throughout the county and to youth housed at the JJC.

This amendment also adds Attachment A-7, outlining performance measures, updates fidelity measures, and revises payment arrangements and the Schedule of Fees to reflect the extended term and expanded services. The total additional cost associated with this amendment is \$1,277,419, resulting in a new contract total of \$2,191,736.

Key Changes Included in the Amendment:

The First Amendment provides for the following:

- Continue Targeted Intervention services from July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and reduce the budget from \$34,477 to \$17,224
- Increase the Cannabis Education budget from \$305,799 to \$482,425
- Increase the Conflict Mediation budget from \$119,826 to \$245,643
- Modify the Restorative Justice Program cost structure by continuing Fee-for-Service payments through January 14, 2026, and thereafter transitioning to funding two full-time equivalent (FTE) beginning January 15, 2026

- Increase the Re-entry Services budget from \$232,245 to \$476,101
- Add two FTE Youth Programming Specialists beginning January 15, 2026, through June 30, 2027; increase the budget from \$222,000 to \$344,616
- Add Attachment A-7 outlining performance measures
- Amend fidelity measures under Section H of the Statement of Work
- Amend Exhibit B, Payment Arrangements, to increase the total contract amount to \$2,191,736
- Replace Exhibit B-1, Schedule of Fees, to reflect an increase of \$1,277,419 and extend the contract through June 30, 2027

Background:

The prior Agreement authorized services for a one-year period. Extending the Agreement for an additional year will allow for increased referrals, expanded service delivery, and additional data collection to evaluate program effectiveness.

In May 2025, a previously contracted community-based organization notified the Probation Department that it would no longer provide mentoring and evidence-based programming services in FY 2025-26. FBSMV subsequently agreed to assume responsibility for these services, including facilitation of the ARISE program, which had previously been delivered by a Deputy Probation Officer.

Best practices indicate that programs are more effective when facilitated by staff who do not also supervise youth. This amendment allows FBSMV to deliver ARISE and other evidence-based curricula in a manner consistent with promising practices and to expand youth access to the full range of programming.

Performance Measures:

The existing Agreement and the First Amendment outline performance measures for each program. Evidence-based programming includes quality assurance provided by the Probation Department.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

The proposed services will be funded through the Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG) and the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJRBG). Sufficient appropriations for these services were included in the FY 2025-26 adopted budget, ensuring financial coverage for their implementation. Additionally, funding for FY 2026-27 will be incorporated into the Probation Department's requested budget, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. This First Amendment will be fully grant-funded with no impact on the General Fund.

Fiscal Analysis:

Funding Source	FY 2025-26 Original Contract Total	FY 2025-26 Added Amount	FY 2026-27 Added Amount	FY 2025-27 New Contract Total
General Fund				
State	\$914,317.00	\$106,461.00	\$1,170,958.00	\$2,191,736.00
Federal				
Fees				

Total	\$914,317.00	\$106,461.00	\$1,170,958.00	\$2,191,736.00
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Execution of the First Amendment will increase the contract by \$1,227,419, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,191,736. The Agreement, as amended by the First Amendment, is financed by multiple funding sources comprised of \$904,655 from YOBG and \$116,123 from JJRBG, totaling \$1,020,778 for FY 2025-26, and an additional \$1,049,030 from YOBG and \$121,928 from JJRBG, totaling \$1,170,958 for FY 2026-27. Execution of the First Amendment will not increase the General Fund contribution to the Probation Department. Funds for the FY 2025-26 portion of the First Amendment have been accounted for in the Probation Department's FY 2025-26 adopted budget. The remaining funds for the FY 2026-27 portion of the Agreement will be included in the Probation Department's proposed budget for FY 2026-27, ensuring continuity of services and fiscal responsibility.

Special Instructions:

Please scan and electronically submit a fully signed copy of the First Amendment to:

Probation Department
Attn: Fiscal Services Unit
ProbationFiscal@countyofsb.org

Attachments:

Attachment A – First Amendment to Agreement with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, Fiscal Years 2025-2027, BC 24330

Attachment B – Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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