



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: February 27, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Holly L. Benton, Chief Probation Officer
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SUBJECT: First Amendment to Agreement with Good Samaritan Shelter FY 2023-2024

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

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 of Independent Contractor with Good Samaritan Shelter (a local vendor), (BC 23008), to amend Exhibit A Statement of Work to add section XI, move "Other Requirements for Service Delivery Staff" in its entirety from Section X to Section XI, add "Holistic Reentry, Early Access, and Diversion for You (READY) Pretrial Service Navigator (PSN)" to Section X, and to amend Exhibit B "Payment Arrangements" to increase the total contract maximum amount to \$1,130,987.35 and replace Attachment B-1 "Schedule of Fees" in its entirety;
- B. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to approve subsequent immaterial changes to the agreement including authorizing additional services, amending program staffing requirements, amending service locations, and adding program goals, outcomes, and measures, and reallocation of funds between funding sources. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to approve 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. Immaterial changes can be made as long as the total contract amount of the agreement is not increased, and subject to the Board's ability to rescind this delegated authority at any time, and provided that in no event shall any such amendment extend the term of the agreement; and

- 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 common sense exception 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:

This item is before your Board to amend a contract with Good Samaritan Shelter to add a Pretrial Service Navigator (PSN) dedicated to support, intervene, and advocate for Holistic Reentry, Early Access, and Diversion for You (READY) clients with mental health illness, substance use issues, who are unhoused, and are the most vulnerable in our community.

The READY project weaves together resources from the Public Defender, Probation Department, Good Samaritan Shelter, and local community-based organizations that specialize in areas such as life skills, job readiness, medical care, and other skills. The goal of READY is to provide an assessment of needs, connection to services, and representation at the earliest stage of a criminal case in addition to reducing the harm of pretrial incarceration for those well suited to be released from jail and diverted from the criminal legal system. READY will provide enhanced representation and connection for Santa Barbara County community members addressing disparities in the community.

The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) provided funding to the County for the READY program, which includes a mental health PSN contracted through Good Samaritan Shelter to provide case management services to clients exiting jail. The JAG Program allows states and units of local government, including tribes, to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own state and local needs and conditions. Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training programs, personnel, equipment supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following program areas: law enforcement programs; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; drug treatment and enforcement programs; law enforcement and corrections programs.

Background:

On June 6, 2023, the Board approved the contract with Good Samaritan Shelter to provide services to adult probation clients and realigned clients. On August 22, 2023, JAG funds for \$715,000.00, over the period of three years, was accepted by the Board to fund the Public Defender's READY program. The current Good Samaritan Shelter Agreement provides evidence-based services to adult felony probationers and realigned clients. Services include substance abuse treatment, sober living services, withdrawal management services, Recovery Oriented System of Care group services, case management, pretrial services navigation, and services to assist persons in overcoming obstacles to obtaining a valid California Driver's License.

The California Community Corrections Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678), and 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bill 109), also known as Realignment, assist in funding services for the adult-supervised population, the realigned population, and pretrial services. Services include cognitive behavioral treatment, drug and alcohol treatment services, residential withdrawal management,

employment development skills, subsidized employment, clean and sober housing, inpatient residential alcohol and drug treatment, remote alcohol monitoring, enhanced outpatient treatment services, and related recovery and re-entry services for a dual diagnosis population. Services for the adult-supervised population and related expenditures were endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership and included in the County’s FY 2023-2024 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan which was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 16, 2023.

This First Amendment adds a READY PSN in the amount of \$96,400.00 to assist in pre-planning for pretrial release, coordinate services upon release, and support individuals with mental health and substance abuse challenges in being successful in the community pending the resolution of their criminal matters. The READY PSN will work closely with the Public Defender, Probation Department, and local community-based organizations that specialize in areas such as life skills, assessment of needs, connection to services, and representation at the earliest stage of a criminal case. The goal is to reduce the harm of pretrial incarceration for those suitable for release from jail and diversion from the criminal legal system. By utilizing a multidisciplinary team approach and offering enhanced services to public defense clients with complex needs, individuals can be provided a level of stabilization, which may include assistance with housing for the most marginalized populations, ultimately paving the way for successful reentry.

Performance Measure:

The Agreement contains the following performance measures to monitor program implementation and improve staff proficiency:

1. READY Navigator will ensure no less than 90% of referred clients will have a discharge plan at the time of release from jail.
2. READY Navigator will ensure no less than 90% of clients will be connected to a minimum of one referred service.
3. READY Navigator will conduct intake on 75% of the referred clients within (1) one business day of receiving a referral from the Public Defender’s office.
4. Data correlating to these performance measures will be provided to COUNTY monthly, with the first report expected on March 1, 2024.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: Yes **Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$	1,130,987.35	
Federal			
Fees			

Narrative:

Execution of the First Amendment will increase the contract by \$96,400, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,130,987.35. Execution of the amendment will not increase the General Fund contribution to the Probation Department, as the increase for the PSN will be funded through Byrne JAG funds from the State BSCC.

Key Contract Risks:

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

Staffing Impacts: There are no impacts to County staffing from this amendment since the newly added PSN will be a contracted position.

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) fully signed original of the First Amendment to:

Fiscal Unit
Probation Department
117 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara CA 93101

Attachments:

Attachment A: First Amendment to Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Good Samaritan Shelter Fiscal Year 2023-2024, BC23008

Attachment B: Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Good Samaritan Shelter, BC23008

Authored by:

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