



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Probation  
**Department No.:** 022  
**For Agenda Of:** November 5, 2019  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT:** Approval of an Additional \$551,832 of Public Safety Realignment Funds and the Transfer of \$3,051,832 to General Services for the Design and Construction of a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the allocation of an additional \$551,832 of Public Safety Realignment funds for the design and construction of a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center for justice involved clients as recommended by the Community Corrections Partnership and the Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership;
- B. Approve Budget Revision Request BJE 0006628 recognizing the release of \$3,051,832 of Public Safety Realignment fund balance and transfer to General Services;
- C. Determine that pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), the above actions are a governmental fiscal activity which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and therefore is not a project subject to environmental review.

**Summary Text:**

In February 2017, the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) approved the allocation of \$2,500,000 of previously unspent one-time funding for the development of a Mental Health Rehabilitation Center (MHRC) to serve justice involved individuals. The original location was determined by the Department of Behavioral Wellness (DBW) to not be suitable; however, a suitable location has since been established, with cost to design and build of \$3,051,832. On August 9, 2019, the CCP and the Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership (ECCCP) approved the allocation of an additional \$551,832 from unspent one-time funding for the construction of the MHRC to allow for a design that could be expanded to 16 beds in the future should both the need exist, and additional ongoing operating funds be identified. The current annual operational allocation will fund 8 beds. The Public Safety Realignment Act requires the Board of Supervisors to approve the additional allocation of \$551,832 and attached budget revision. The approval of the budget revision will transfer the funds to General Services to begin the design process.

**Background:**

On October 1, 2011, the Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bill 109) was implemented transferring the responsibility for specific inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to counties. Additionally, it expanded the role of the CCP, as established in the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 678), and created a seven (7) member Executive Committee from at-large CCP members. Subsequent to passage of the Act in 2011, a plan for implementation of Realignment in Santa Barbara County has been brought before the Board of Supervisors (BOS) each year for approval and adoption.

To address a gap in the continuum of mental health services for the justice involved population, the FY 2019-20 Public Safety Realignment Act plan approved by the CCP, ECCCP and the BOS, allocated \$2,500,000 for the construction of a 16 bed MHRC at the decommissioned Juvenile Hall building located at 4500 Hollister Ave in Santa Barbara. A feasibility study was conducted for that site, and although the study deemed the project site feasible, it was ultimately determined by the DBW that the site was not suitable. Following a county-wide search, DBW identified a subsequent site for the location of the MHRC in Santa Barbara at the former Casa Nueva Annex located at 315 Camino del Remedio on the Calle Real Campus and an additional feasibility study was conducted. An additional \$551,832 was needed to ensure the facility design would allow for expansion in the future, if needed, and on August 9, 2019, the CCP and the ECCCP approved the allocation. Although the proposed facility will be built to initially accommodate 8 individuals, the \$551,832 in increased funding will allow for a prudent flexible facility design that will include the ability to expand to 16 beds should both the need exist and additional ongoing operating funds be identified. DBW has determined that the CCP approved annual operating budget of \$1,103,665 would be sufficient to accommodate 8 individuals.

This program will be a 24-hour locked facility, licensed by the state Department of Health Care services and will provide intensive support, rehabilitation and reentry services to assist persons involved in the justice system who reside in Santa Barbara County, and are 18 years or older with mental health diagnosis who, absent this resource, would likely be placed in a state hospital or another mental health facility at a higher level of care. The program will focus on recovery and restoration so that individuals can reintegrate into the community with the needed skills to become self-sufficient and capable of increasing levels of independent functioning. The design will include basic life skill development

through classes, therapy, and mentorship as well as interactions with a multidisciplinary team to assist in rehabilitation skills. Some elements of the treatment will be specially designed for individuals with a dual diagnosis with both mental health issue and drug or alcohol dependency. General Services has indicated a construction schedule completion date of January 2023.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The facility will be constructed on the Calle Real Campus on a site currently occupied by an obsolete building. It was determined the existing building would be demolished and a new purpose built MHRC would be constructed.

Budgeted: No

**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	\$ -		\$ 3,051,832.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ -		
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,051,832.00

**Narrative:**

The CCP allocated \$2,500,000 in 2017 which is being held in the restricted fund balance for the construction of the MHRC. The additional \$551,832 is in restricted fund balance and currently unallocated for a specific purpose. There are sufficient funds in the restricted fund balance to complete the transfer to General Services for the design and construction of the MHRC.

The CCP has allocated \$1,103,665 for operations which are anticipated to be contracted out. The DBW will return to the Board with a contract when the facility has been constructed and a vendor has been determined.

There will be no impact on the General Fund Contributions of any of the Departments as a result of approving the allocation and transfer of funding for the design and construction of the MHRC.

**Staffing Impacts:**

None

**Legal Positions:**  
N/A

**FTEs:**  
N/A

**Special Instructions:**

None

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Budget Revision Request BJE 0006628

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