



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 6, 2018
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan Modification

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the Santa Barbara County FY 2018-2019 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan modification to allocate \$2,450,000 in reserve funding for supportive housing as recommended by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and approved by the Executive Committee of the CCP on October 12, 2018;
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

On May 15, 2018, the Board of Supervisors received a presentation on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan developed by the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and approved by the Executive Committee of the CCP, and subsequently voted to accept the plan as was recommended. The plan included the establishment of a Housing Sub-Committee for purposes of development of a housing proposal for consideration by the CCP with subsequent review and approval by the BOS. On October 12, 2018, the CCP and Executive Committee of the CCP approved an allocation of \$2,450,000 in reserve funding for supportive and transitional housing for justice-involved individuals based on recommendations from the Housing Sub-Committee and the CCP Workgroup.

Approval of this allocation today would allow for an addendum to the Community Services Department Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) released on October 12, 2018. Following proposal review by the CCP, a recommendation will be submitted to the BOS for final approval of funding.

Background:

On October 1, 2011, the Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bill 109) was implemented as a means of addressing overcrowding in California's prisons and in alleviating the State's financial crisis. The Act transferred the responsibility for specific inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to counties. The plan for implementation of Realignment in Santa Barbara County and subsequent modifications require Board of Supervisor approval.

Through an effort led by the County Executive Office a Request for Proposals was issued for the evaluation of implementation of the Public Safety Realignment Act in Santa Barbara County and the identification of gaps in service. The JFA Institute was selected to complete this evaluation. Dr. Austin of the JFA Institute submitted a report to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) in December 2016 entitled, *"Developing a Strategic Planning Proposal for Public Safety Realignment Funding Santa Barbara County"*. In that report, Dr. Austin noted that the original intent of "justice reinvestment" was to invest resources directly into communities impacted by criminal behavior, including providing additional resources for supportive transitional housing for individuals reentering the community following a lengthy period of incarceration.

A Housing sub-committee was established in March 2018 comprised of various county departments and community stakeholders. On May 15, 2018, as part of the FY2018-19 Realignment Plan presentation, the formation of the sub-committee was presented to the Board of Supervisors. During that presentation the Probation Department indicated they would return to the Board with a housing proposal. On August 10, 2018, following consultation with the Housing sub-committee and HCD, initial potential housing models were presented to the CCP. On October 12, 2018, a housing proposal and associated budget was presented to and approved by the CCP and the Executive Committee of the CCP.

The target population for this proposal includes post adjudicated justice-involved individuals under community supervision by the Probation Department that are medium to high risk to recidivate and are exiting jail or prison community after lengthy incarceration without natural supports and are ineligible for other types of subsidized housing. Additionally, these individuals may present with some vulnerability such as mental health concerns but do not qualifying for housing options through the Department of Behavioral Wellness, and those with significant substance abuse challenges. This population will likely be unserved by other housing resources because of ineligibility due to length of incarceration and conviction history.

This allocation for inclusion into HCD Continuum of Care NOFA provides for the following;

1. Allocation of up to \$800,000 for a two-year pilot program for supportive housing for high and medium risk individuals subject to community supervision by the Probation Department to include a .5 FTE Housing Program Specialist (\$45,000-50,000 annual salary) for Housing and Community Development and to manage a Notice of Funding Availability, review proposals for approval by CCP, and oversee contract invoicing, compliance and program monitoring for the two year period;
2. Allocate up to \$1.65 million of one-time reserve funds for development or rehabilitation of “brick and mortar” permanent housing for high to medium risked justice-involved individuals subject to community supervision by the Probation Department. Depending on whether the project ends up being stand alone or braided with multiple funding streams there may be multiple layers of review. The CCP will ultimately review and approve the AB 109 funded component of the project.

To leverage additional funding opportunities, if approved by the Board of Supervisors today, the proposal will be added as an addendum to the Community Services Department Division of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) released on October 12, 2018.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No

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		\$2,450,000	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 2,450,000.00	\$ -

Narrative: This is anticipated to be a multiyear initiative. The timing of expenditure is uncertain. Following the review and acceptance of responses to the NOFA and the development of a timeline the Department will return with a budget revision to recognize the current year appropriations. Appropriations that impact future years will be included in subsequent budget proposals during the County’s regular budget process.

Staffing Impacts: N/A

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

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Community Services Department