



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
(805) 568-2240

**Department Name:** Probation Department  
**Department No.:** 022  
**For Agenda Of:** March 21, 2023  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:** N/A  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Tanja Heitman, Chief Probation Officer, 805-882-3652  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Samuel Leach, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, 805-803-8586

**SUBJECT:** April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, Agreement with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, Conflict Mediation

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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 the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley (FBSMV) (a local vendor) to provide conflict mediation services and interventions, and to teach coping skills and Social Emotional Learning (SEL) strategies to youth at the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC), with a total contract amount not to exceed \$122,126;
- 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 each Agreement is not increased, and as long as the total budgeted amounts by each funding source are not exceeded;
- C. Delegate to the Chief Probation Officer or designee the authority to further amend the Agreement to make immaterial changes, authorize additional services, amend program staffing requirements, and adjust or waive the County Maximum Allowable rate, without requiring the Board's approval of such amendment(s) of the Agreement, 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.

- D. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities of 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:**

Through funding provided by Senate Bill (SB) 823, Juvenile Justice Realignment (JJR), the attached Agreement with FBSMV provides for conflict mediation services and interventions, and teaching coping skills and SEL strategies to youth at the JJC. Services include conducting Restorative Justice Circles to help resolve existing or emerging conflicts youth are experiencing.

**Background:**

On September 30, 2020, Governor Newsom signed SB 823, which laid the foundation for the closure of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), realigning responsibilities of housing youth who would have otherwise been committed to DJJ to county governments beginning July 1, 2021. SB 823 provides for funding to support local jurisdictions in providing for the custody, care, and supervision of youth who are realigned from DJJ or who would otherwise have been eligible to a commitment to DJJ.

Youth detained at the JJC typically have histories of violent and serious behaviors, and many have high Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) scores; leaving youth with limited conflict mediation skills, coping skills, and abilities to self-regulate emotions that can be amplified in a detention setting. FBSMV will utilize evidence-based programming and promising practices including the Community Resiliency Model (CRM) and SEL, during individual and group interactions with youth, as well as during Restorative Justice Circles. Youth will be referred for services and ongoing intervention, as well as during times of imminent need to prevent conflict and to resolve recent conflict. The FBSMV facilitator will provide services at the JJC during evening and weekend hours. Services and interventions provided under this agreement are in addition to support programs currently available to youth at the JJC.

**Performance Measure:**

This Agreement contains measures to monitor program implementation. These measures will enable Probation to better assess program utilization and effectiveness.

**Fiscal Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b>Funding Sources:</b>	<b>Current FY Cost:</b>	<b>Annualized On-going Cost:</b>	<b>Total One-Time Project Cost</b>
General Fund			
State	\$24,426.00	\$97,700.00	
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,426.00</b>	<b>\$97,700.00</b>	

**Narrative:**

The attached Agreement with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley is to provide conflict mediation services utilizing Restorative Justice Strategies and to teach coping skills and SEL strategies to youth at the JJC. The Agreement is fully-funded by SB 823 JJR Funds. Funds for this Agreement have been accounted for in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and Fiscal Year 2023-2024 proposed budget.

Execution of this Agreement will not increase general fund contribution to the Probation Department.

**Key Contract Risks:**

Risk assessments have 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:

Christina Sibley, Fiscal Manager  
 Probation Department  
 117 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara CA 93101

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, April 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, Agreement

**Authored by:**

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