



## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 3/21/2023

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Human Services

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Katie Greaves 565-8501

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

Social Advocates for Youth Contract Amendment

**Recommended Action:**

Authorize the Director of the Human Services Department to execute the first amendment to a contract with Social Advocates for Youth to provide additional work readiness training to program participants for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for a new total amount not-to-exceed \$675,687.

**Executive Summary:**

In May 2022, a contract was executed between Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) and the Human Services Department (HSD) for the My Pathway Program (MPP) under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). HSD is requesting that the Board authorize an amendment to the current contract with SAY which will add \$115,467 to provide additional education, training, and work readiness services to youth and young adults ages 14 to 24 through the MPP. The additional funds will allow for the provision of more intensive services to the youth participants as they enter work experience placements, will purchase interactive career readiness curriculum and materials, and will provide job coaching to ensure that work experience placements are successful for both the young person and the employer.

**Discussion:**

The MPP provides youth and young adults ages 14-24 with the education, training, work experience, and supports necessary to gain and retain permanent employment on their chosen career pathway. MPP emphasizes career pathway planning and paid work experience/training through a partnership between SAY and Sonoma County Job Link. Job Link develops and coordinates all paid work experience opportunities with a focus on expanded internships in County Departments, with the exception of the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps (SCYEC). SCYEC services are provided by Conservation Corps North Bay and interested MPP youth participants are referred to SCYEC as appropriate.

SAY provides comprehensive case management to coordinate service delivery, including career planning, preparation, and training, to address barriers to employment and/or education. Additional funds will support additional staffing to provide more intensive work readiness and employment services such as job coaching, transportation assistance and other tangible supports. These services are needed to ensure that young people lacking crucial resources can access employment opportunities and have the best chance to succeed.

The MPP is funded with a mixture of WIOA and California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids

(CalWORKs) funding provided through a state allocation to HSD. SAY was selected as the contractor for the MPP after a Request for Proposals process in 2020. The contract for MPP is anticipated to be renewed for 2023-2024 at the increased amount so investments made as a result of the additional funds will continue into the next fiscal year.

**Strategic Plan:**

This item directly supports the County's Five-year Strategic Plan and is aligned with the following pillar, goal, and objective.

**Pillar:** Healthy and Safe Communities

**Goal:** Goal 1: Expand integrated system of care to address gaps in services to the County's most vulnerable.

**Objective:** Objective 3: Increase investment in programs that treat underlying causes of homelessness, including substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and lack of affordable housing.

**Prior Board Actions:**

June 13, 2022 - Approved contract with SAY in the amount of \$560,220 for the My Pathway Program.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 22-23 Adopted</b>	<b>FY 23-24 Projected</b>	<b>FY 24-25 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses	115,467		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>115,467</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	115,467	0	0
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>115,467</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

The additional \$115,467 is existing revenue in the current fiscal year 2022-2023 adopted budget. No additional appropriations are required. This contract is fully funded by the WIOA fund from the California Department of Labor.

<b>Staffing Impacts:</b>			
<b>Position Title (Payroll Classification)</b>	<b>Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)</b>	<b>Additions (Number)</b>	<b>Deletions (Number)</b>

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**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

N/A

**Attachments:**

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**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**

None