



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Probation Department

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Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Guiding People Successfully Program

Recommended Action:

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Santa Rosa effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, for a total amount of \$125,000. Probation's reimbursement to the City will support the Guiding People Successfully (GPS) Program, a youth violence and gang prevention program.

Executive Summary:

The Probation Department seeks Board approval for a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Santa Rosa for an existing violence and gang prevention and intervention program called Guiding People Successfully (GPS) Program. The MOU has funding limits in accordance with the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 proposed budget, and will support ongoing implementation of the GPS program and service coordination between Probation and the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership.

Discussion:

This MOU covers part of the cost of the GPS program for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The program has been in existence since 2015, serving gang-impacted youth involved with the juvenile justice system and those at risk for involvement with the justice system. Program funds have come from the California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention (CalGRIP) Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections and from Santa Rosa's Measure O. Santa Rosa's three-year CalGRIP grant cycle ended and not renewed in December of 2017 due to reductions and changes in the CalGRIP grants statewide. Since the expiration of the grant, the County has invested in partnering to sustain the GPS program. The County executed the original MOU with the City in May 2018.

Funds will cover the partial cost of a Coordinator position for the Guiding People Successfully (GPS) program for the 12 month term of the MOU. The GPS Coordinator is responsible for coordination and implementation of Multi-Disciplinary Assessment and Referral Team (MDART) meetings, outcomes tracking and GPS activities. They manage the Referral System by processing referrals, and completing all assessments and assignments to community based organizations.

The GPS Program provides coordinated approach to identifying youth who are at risk of gang involvement, assessing the needs of the youth, and referring them to services designed to provide opportunities and alternatives to the gang lifestyle. The core elements of the GPS program are (1) centralized intake (2) preliminary identification of risk and protective factors; (3) referrals to community-based organizations who provide a variety of interventions and services; and (4) case management through a monthly meeting of the Multi-Disciplinary Assessment and Referral Team (MDART). Examples of services youth are referred to through this process include career and life readiness training, individual and family counseling, gang mediation and intervention services, and mentoring. By coordinating services through the MDART, the program ensures that all agencies working with the youth have a common goal and shared strategies for each client.

Since its inception in 2015, the GPS program has received 634 referrals, and enrolled 459 youth in services. GPS youth showed statistically significant improvements in two or more Positive Youth Justice domains through participation in coordinated direct service and evidence informed practices.

Prior Board Actions:

May 22, 2018 the Board approved an MOU for Guiding People Successfully.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses	125,000		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	125,000		
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal	125,000		
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	125,000		

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

Funding for these services has been allocated in FY 20-21 from the Juvenile Probation Fund, a sub-account of the Local Law Enforcement Services Account (2011 Realignment). The source of this account is Vehicle Licensing Fees. There is no County General Fund impact of this MOU.

Staffing Impacts:

Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

No impact on staffing.

Attachments:

City of Santa Rosa GPS MOU 063021

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