



Agenda Item

DATE: January 28, 2013

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rick Chavez, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: Agreement with Turning Point of Central California, Inc. to provide transitional housing beds, sustenance, and associated services for the Probation Department

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

1. **Make a finding it is in the best interest of the County to waive the competitive bidding process consistent with Administrative Policy No. 34 for unusual or extraordinary circumstances for the solicitation of transitional housing beds, sustenance, and associated services for the Probation Department.**
2. **Approve and authorize Chairman to execute an Agreement with Turning Point of Central California to provide adult transitional housing beds, sustenance, and associated services for the Probation Department effective February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015 (\$600,000 maximum).**
3. **Adopt Resolution increasing FY 2013-14 appropriations and estimated revenues for Probation Org 3430 in the amount of \$250,000 (4/5 vote).**

There is no additional net County cost associated with the recommended actions as the Agreement is completely funded with Assembly Bill (AB) 109 funds. The recommended Agreement will provide transitional housing beds, sustenance, support services/resources, programming, and/or other such services in a safe, clean, drug-free environment for both male and female adults on probation or in the Probation Department's Pre-Trial program. The Agreement maximum for the one year pilot program is \$600,000. The funding provides for an average of approximately 28 beds being filled each day for the term of the Agreement. Recommended action #3 will provide \$250,000 in appropriations and estimated revenues for the remainder of the fiscal year. The remaining \$350,000 will be included in Probation's Org 3430 recommended budget for FY 2014-15.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

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An alternative action would be to prepare an RFQ to bid for these services at this time; however, this would cause a considerable delay in being able to provide these services which in turn may result in those released from jail or on probation becoming homeless, which may increase the likelihood to reoffend.

SUSPENSION OF COMPETITION CONTRACT:

The request to waive the competitive bidding process consistent with Administrative Policy No. 34 results from the fact that there is a need to get services in place as soon as possible to avoid those released from jail or on probation from becoming homeless, which may increase the likelihood to reoffend. The requested Suspension of Competition is for a one-year pilot project with a contractor that successfully competed in the State's competitive bid process for the same services. It is recommended the pilot program be approved at this time and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) will assess the program in four to six months. If the program is found to be successful, then the Probation Department will initiate the bidding process with the goal of having a new Agreement brought to your Board for approval prior to the termination of the recommended Agreement. The Internal Services Department Purchasing Division has reviewed and concurs with the Department's request to waive the competitive bidding process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no additional net County cost associated with the recommended actions as this pilot program will be 100% funded with AB 109 funds. The all-inclusive fee for transitional housing, sustenance, and associated services is \$57.47 per day for each filled bed. The Agreement maximum for the one-year pilot program is \$600,000. Recommended action No. 3 will increase appropriations and estimated revenues in Probation Org 3430 in the amount of \$250,000 for the remainder of FY 2013-14. The remaining \$350,000 will be included in Probation's Org 3430 requested budget for FY 2014-15.

DISCUSSION:

The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) of Fresno County has identified homelessness as a serious need found in the AB 109 Realignment population. Approximately 13% of offenders booked into the Fresno County jail are homeless. In order to address this population, at the CCP meeting on February 27, 2013, \$600,000 was allocated to develop a system of services including transitional residential housing for those being released from prison and being placed in Post Release Community Supervision (per AB 109) and released from the transition pod at the jail. These services will also be provided to those who become homeless while under the supervision of the Probation Department and those released from jail as part of the pre-trial release program.

On March 15, 2013, the CCP approved an update to the Plan which included homeless offender services. This update to the plan was approved by your Board on April 23, 2013 and the Board was advised that once a contractor was selected an Agreement for said services would be brought back for approval.

After successfully competing in a State bidding process, Turning Point of Central California is currently providing these services for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Turning Point is willing to contract with the County to provide said services and charge a daily bed rate based on the current contract with the State. Supportive services include connection to health and social services, case management, education and vocational readiness assistance, self-care and self-advocacy services. The Probation Department is recommending an Agreement for a one-year pilot project with Turning Point. The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) will assess the program in four to six months. If the program is found to be successful, then the Probation

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REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #10, April 23, 2013