



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Probation



**Date:** April 10, 2014  
**Board Meeting Date:** August 5, 2014  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

**Subject:** Agreements with Art of Yoga Project, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Mind Body Awareness, and Pyramid Alternatives

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing agreements with Art of Yoga Project, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Mind Body Awareness, and Pyramid Alternatives to provide services to at-risk and system involved youth for the term of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, in the amounts of \$169,950, \$336,000, \$154,416 and \$150,930, respectively.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2007, in response to SB 81 Juvenile Justice Realignment, the State allocated money to San Mateo County in the form of the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG). The purpose of the YOBG is to enhance the capacity of local communities to implement an effective continuum of response to juvenile crime and delinquency. Allocations from the YOBG Fund must be used to enhance the capacity of county probation, mental health, drug and alcohol, and other county departments to provide appropriate rehabilitative and supervision services to youthful offenders subject to Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Sections 731.1, 733, 1766, and 1767.35. Counties, in expending the YOBG allocation, must provide all necessary services related to the custody and parole of the offenders.

The Probation Department conducted a Request for Proposals process in February 2014 and has selected Art of Yoga Project, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Mind Body Awareness and Pyramid Alternatives to continue their services which they have been providing since 2009.

**DISCUSSION:**

Through this agreement, the Art of Yoga will provide a yoga, meditation, reflective writing, and creative arts program to youth in the GIRLS program and at Youth Services Center.

Through this agreement, Fresh Lifelines for Youth will provide a Law Program at the Youth Services Center, Camp Kemp, and Camp Glenwood where youth are provided with practical information about laws relevant to their lives; an opportunity to bond with caring adults; and a safe, fun, and interactive environment that cultivates assets essential for self-sufficiency and healthy functioning. In addition, Fresh Lifelines for Youth will provide a Leadership Training Program in the community where youth receive a comprehensive intake and assessment and an individualized action plan with goals in the areas of education, vocational skills, family, and health.

Through this agreement, Mind Body Awareness will provide mindfulness-based rehabilitation service at Camp Glenwood and the Youth Services Center.

Through this agreement Pyramid Alternatives will provide alcohol and other drug services, Aggression Regression Therapy, transitional planning, and family therapy to youth at the Youth Services Center.

The contractors have assured compliance with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance, as well as all other contract provisions that are required by County ordinance and administrative memoranda, including but not limited to insurance, hold harmless, non-discrimination and equal benefits.

Probation also requests that the Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer or his designee is contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

The Resolution and agreements have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

Approval of these Agreements contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Safe Neighborhoods by helping youth reduce destructive and criminal behavior. By providing education, case management services and intervention, youth can better participate in their education and contribute to their communities.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>FY 2013-14 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2014-15 Projected</b>	<b>FY 2015-16 Projected</b>	<b>FY 2016-17 Projected</b>
Percent of girls reporting having more self-awareness and self-respect (AYP)	80%	80%	80%	80%
Youth will be less likely to commit crimes and more likely to make healthy choices (FLY)	75%	75%	75%	75%
Percent of youth with increased self-regulation related to mindfulness-based rehabilitation services	15%	15%	15%	15%
Wrap-Around Case Manager assignment for all eligible youth (Pyramid)	100%	100%	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Probation Department has secured \$165,950 for the Art of Yoga Project, \$336,000 for Fresh Lifelines for Youth, \$154,416 for Mind Body Awareness, and \$150,930 for Pyramid Alternatives from the California State YOBG Fund to support these Agreements for three years. There is no Net County Cost.