



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Probation



Date: February 22, 2017
Board Meeting Date: April 11, 2017
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

Subject: Agreement with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) to provide Domestic Violence treatment and support services countywide

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution waiving the Request for Proposal process and authorizing the President of the Board to execute an agreement with Contractor, Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), to provide domestic violence treatment and support services, for the term of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.

BACKGROUND:

California Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I), Division 9, Part 6, Chapter 5, otherwise called the "Domestic Violence Centers Act" declares that there is a present and growing need to develop innovative strategies and services which will ameliorate and reduce the trauma of domestic violence.

The Act created a domestic violence trust fund and pursuant to Penal Code 1203.097, funds collected from specified defendants are placed in that fund. The fees collected in this fund are to be disbursed for approved programs for the purpose of aiding victims of domestic violence. Over the last twelve years disbursements have been made to CORA per the Board of Supervisors' direction in 2004.

DISCUSSION:

In response to the Domestic Violence Centers Act, we are asking that the Board approve an agreement with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA). CORA is the only agency in the county with services solely dedicated to serving those affected by domestic violence meeting the requirements detailed in the Domestic Violence Act, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal representation, advice and accompaniment, a 24-hour hotline, counseling, and community outreach.

The Probation Department is also seeking a waiver of the Request for Proposals process in order to execute this contract. It is in the County's and the Department's best interest to execute this agreement with the Contractor to ensure that it continues its business model of providing risk-based domestic violence treatment and support services in the county.

Since 2004, CORA:

- Received approximately 52,000 crisis calls
- Provided crisis intervention peer counseling (individual and group) to approximately 14,000 individuals
- Housed approximately 2,000 survivors and their children in CORA's Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Programs
- Provided legal assistance with temporary restraining orders and protective and/or custody orders for approximately 2,100 survivors
- Assisted 27,300 victims of domestic violence referred by local law enforcement agencies
- Conducted outreach and education to over 30,000 teenaged and adult members of the San Mateo County community through the Community Education Program

The contractor has 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.

The Probation Department requests that the Chief Probation Officer or his designee be granted authorization to execute contract amendments that 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 term of the agreement is February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2020. The Agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

This Agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by strengthening and enhancing domestic violence treatment and supportive services that will support community safety and well-being.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	Contract Year		
	2/1/2017- 1/31/2018 Target	2/1/2018 - 1/31/2019 Target	2/1/2019 - 1/31/2020 Target
Number of clients served through the Crisis Line	2,500	2,500	2,500
Number of clients served for Individual Counseling Services through the Family Support Services	150	150	150
Number of clients served through the Community Education Program	200	200	200

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the agreement is February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2020. The total obligation is \$450,000.00. It is fully funded through the receipts collected from the specified defendants. The funds have been included in the FY 16-17 Adopted Budget and will be included in the FY 17-18 and FY 18-19 budgets.