



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: April 22, 2014
Board Meeting Date: May 6, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Michael Callagy, Deputy County Manager

Subject: Donation of Two Vehicles to StarVista (First Chance), a Non-Profit Agency

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the County Manager's Office to donate a used 2004 Ford Crown Victoria worth \$4,000 and a used 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, worth \$3,727, to Star Vista.

BACKGROUND:

StarVista's First Chance Sobering Station is a 24-hour program that serves as an alternative to jail for persons arrested for driving under the influence or public intoxication. This program also provides substance abuse treatment for non-violent, simple drug possession or drug influence offenders. Clients receive information on substance abuse; learn about anger management; domestic violence; mental health; and parenting. Clients also receive case management, individual and group counseling, follow-up support, and referrals to other resources. When arrested by police for drug or alcohol-related offenses, individuals can be transported to First Chance as an alternative to being booked into the County Jail.

First Chance used to operate sobering stations in South San Francisco and Belmont, making it convenient for officers in the northern and southern parts of the County to access the sobering stations. Due to budget constraints, First Chance consolidated operations and now has one sobering station in Burlingame. Many police agencies in the southern area of the County find it more convenient to book individuals into the County Jail on alcohol and drug-related offenses instead of travelling to First Chance in Burlingame. These individuals are being deprived of the program and rehabilitative services that First Chance has to offer and use of the sobering station by police agencies has dropped considerably.

DISCUSSION:

First Chance seeks to beta test an outreach program where they would respond to cities to pick up those individuals detained by police for drug or alcohol-related offenses. First Chance would use the two donated cars to respond to locations in the southern part of the County where officers have individuals detained. Those seeking rehabilitative or program services as an alternative to jail would be transported to the Sobering Center by First Chance staff. These donated cars would allow First Chance to extend their outreach effort and act to increase the utilization of the valuable services that First Chance offers, while also keeping officers in their respective cities and on the streets. If successful, First Chance would look to expand this program to other parts of the County while utilizing these vehicles for extended outreach services. The vehicles that would be donated have been retired from the Sheriff's Office fleet.

Donation of the two vehicles contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Collaborative Community by assisting First Chance in community outreach efforts to reduce recidivism for those with alcohol and drug related issues.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Net County Cost would be \$1,800 to provide safety screens and privacy tint to the rear windows of these donated vehicles.