



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager



Date: November 30, 2015

Board Meeting Date: December 8, 2015

Special Notice / Hearing: None

Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Reyna Farrales, Deputy County Manager

Subject: Community Corrections Partnership FY 2015-16 Competitive Grants

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution:

- A. Approving funding for six grant applications for the FY 2015-16 Community Corrections Partnership Competitive grant program in the aggregate amount of \$773,982; and
- B. Authorizing the County Manager to negotiate and execute agreements with JobTrain, Inc. for the maximum amount of \$190,000 and One East Palo Alto for the maximum amount of \$195,000, for terms expiring on June 30, 2016.

BACKGROUND:

Since 2012, the County has allocated \$1 million in AB 109 dollars for the funding of Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) Grants. The grants are intended to fund community-based innovations, efforts to strengthen collaboration in program delivery, and to fill identified gaps in services; all with the purpose of improving the successful re-entry of realigned offenders.

In FY 2013-14, the County funded a total of seven Community-Based Organizations (CBO) grants for a total of approximately \$681,000. These grants supported transitional housing, supportive employment, supportive vocational training, wellness recovery services, the purchase of Mike's House (a County reentry home), a feasibility study for a County social impact bond, and educational services.

The FY 2015-16 series of grants will focus on employment training, recovery services, supportive transitional housing, and in-custody educational services.

DISCUSSION:

In the summer, a multi-departmental team consisting of staff from the County Manager's Office, the Probation Department, the Sheriff's Office, the Health System, and the Human Services Agency evaluated the potential funding of six grant applications which, together, sought more than \$1 million in funding. The evaluation process focused on the use of (1) evidence-based and/or best-practices; (2) collaborations; and (3) new or expanded services that fill gaps in current services.

Following evaluation of the grant requests, the multi-departmental team recommended the funding of six grant applications in the amount of \$773,982. Staff recommends that the Board approve funding for the following services through the providers listed below that were awarded CCP grants for FY 2015-16, and to authorize the County Manager at this time to negotiate and execute agreements with JobTrain and One East Palo Alto. The remaining agreements will be executed or brought to your Board for approval at a future meeting.

Grantees	Service	Amount Awarded
Job Train, Inc.	Employment Training	Up to \$190,000 but based on a per client basis
One East Palo Alto/Bread of Life Evangelistic Outreach	Supportive Transitional Housing in East Palo Alto	\$195,000
El Centro de Libertad	Recovery services (domestic violence prevention, anger management & family therapy)	\$55,000 for six months with option to renew up to total of \$110,000
Our Common Ground	AOD Recovery Services	\$135,000 for 10 guaranteed beds
Service League of San Mateo	Supportive Transitional Housing	\$92,482 for dedicated reentry housing for men & women
Project Read	In-custody educational services	\$51,500
	Total	\$773,982

JobTrain, Inc.

JobTrain will partner with Community and Legal Services East Palo Alto (CLSEPA) to help ex-offenders obtain employment and avoid recidivism. Also working in collaboration with the Probation Department, and JobTrain's employer partners, JobTrain will provide ex-offenders with multiple career pathways based on their individual needs. Depending on the client's job skill level and education, the client can enroll in full-time vocational training, enroll in GED preparation, work with a Job Developer to find and be placed in employment, and/or obtain free legal services from CLSEPA. JobTrain's overall strategy is to help ex-offenders obtain livable wage jobs and the skills that will help them reintegrate into the community, with the result that recidivism rates are reduced.

Performance Measure	FY 2015-16 Projected
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Number of individuals that will benefit from services provided by JobTrain	60
Number of individuals enrolled in a full time vocational training program	25
Percent of clients that successfully complete their training	70%
Number and percent of clients served that will be placed in jobs with an average starting wage of \$15 / hour	40 / 66%
Number of clients that benefit from free legal services	25

The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.

One East Palo Alto

In partnership with Bread of Life Evangelistic Outreach (BOLEO), and in close consultation with staff from the David E. Lewis Community Reentry Center in East Palo Alto, One East Palo Alto will provide supportive transitional housing services to clients of the David E. Lewis Community Reentry Center completing a period of supervised probation. Transitional housing will be offered in two reentry homes in East Palo Alto, one for men and one for women, which can support a total of 18 clients. The provision of these services is part of One East Palo Alto's Neighborhood Improvement Initiative.

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Number of individuals that will benefit from services provided by One EPA/BOLEO and receive coordinated supportive services through the David E. Lewis Community Reentry Center, Service Connect and One EPA/BOLEO	18
Percent of clients that successfully complete placement at transitional home without recidivating	70%
Number and percent of clients served that will be placed in permanent housing following a maximum six month stay at the transitional home	14 / 77%

The term of the agreement is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.

The resolutions and agreements have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form. The Resolutions contain the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate per agreement). These Agreements will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 outcomes of a Collaborative Community by providing resources to assist the County's AB109 population by providing employment training, recovery services, supportive transitional housing, and in-custody educational services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The CCP Competitive Grant Program is fully funded with AB 109 funds from the State and has been included in the FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget. There is no net county cost.

