



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

File #: 19-249

Board Meeting Date: 3/26/2019

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael Callagy, County Manager
Subject: Amendment to the Agreement with Research Triangle Institute International

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Research Triangle Institute (RTI) International to conduct an evaluation of programs supporting AB109 Public Safety Realignment and Unified Reentry services implementation, changing the scope of work and timeline of the deliverables, and increasing the amount by \$37,473, for a new not to exceed amount of \$157,438.

BACKGROUND:

California's Public Safety Realignment Act of 2011 and other subsequent legislation shifted jurisdiction of and funding for supervision and incarceration of specified low-level felony offenders from state to local control. The purpose of the legislation was to address court mandates requiring the reduction of overcrowded conditions in California prisons.

The legislation did so by altering both sentencing and post-prison supervision for lower level offenders. In addition, realignment also tasked county probation departments with the supervision of a specified population of inmates discharged from state prison whose commitment offense was non-violent and non-serious. Finally, parolees, excluding those serving life terms who violate the terms of their parole, serve their parole revocations in county jail. To conform with this new legislation, the County created the AB109 program.

San Mateo County has also implemented a Unified Reentry program. In January 2010, the County was one of 14 jurisdictions to receive a Second Chance grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to launch an adult reentry program. As a result, the Achieve 180 (A 180) program was developed to bridge the fragmentation between in-custody and post-custody programs through risk assessments, case management plans, and other services.

In July 2014, the County began funding a comprehensive reentry system through the creation of a multi-disciplinary team consisting of the Sheriff, Probation, Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health, and Correctional Health, that serves all inmates at high and moderate risk to recidivate, regardless of AB109 status, which incorporated A 180 best practices.

On April 10, 2018, this Board passed Resolution 18-283, authorizing the County to enter an agreement with RTI International to conduct an evaluation of the programs supporting the County's implementation of AB109 from April 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

DISCUSSION:

To date, RTI has completed the following tasks as identified in the original agreement:

- Completed the draft of a comprehensive Literature Review of state and national unified reentry programs, including the identification of the population; and
- Collaborated with County departments on data identification, collection, summary of services, data dictionaries, and identification of the different groups within the population to be evaluated.
- Met with County staff on a bi-weekly basis through October 2018, and additionally as necessary to date

The term of the Agreement with RTI has been extended twice (without an increase to the overall contract amount) due to issues with data collection. In addition, RTI and the County realized that there was additional data needed than originally predicted in order to complete a thorough evaluation of the AB109/ Unified Reentry population, increasing the scope of the work for RTI, and subsequently increasing the amount of the Agreement through this amendment.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

This agreement will contribute to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Collaborative Community by ensuring that county services are operated efficiently and effectively.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Description	Target
A final evaluation report will be developed and delivered by:	June 21, 2019

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for these services will come from AB109 Public Safety Realignment funds allocated towards evaluation. The total cost of this amendment is \$37,473 for a new not to exceed amount of \$157,438. There are sufficient funds appropriated in the Non-Departmental Services Adopted FY 2018-19 Budget.