



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PROBATION

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Board Meeting Date: 6/2/2020

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer
Subject: Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc., StarVista, and Urban Services YMCA of San Francisco through Juvenile Probation Camp Funding to provide services to at-risk youth

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Supervisors to execute the following agreements through the Juvenile Probation Camp Funding (JPCF):

- A) An agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula to provide evidence-based family-centered strategies as well as Project LEARN youth-centered strategies and family nights for the term of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$205,708.80; and
- B) An agreement with Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc. to provide continuous Law Program curriculum and 10-week individualized Leadership Programs for the term of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$265,270.93; and
- C) An agreement with StarVista to provide a comprehensive school-based program called Strengthen Our Youth in which clinicians work with at-risk youth, school staff, and provide parental engagement for the term of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$700,636.00; and
- D) An agreement with Urban Services YMCA of San Francisco to provide both an on-campus violence prevention program called the School Safety Advocates Program-Middle Schools, which is designed to capitalize on early intervention at the middle school level, and a Victim Impact Awareness Program for youth, for the term of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$668,982.34.

BACKGROUND:

The Juvenile Probation and Camp Funding (JPCF) was developed in 2005 to provide a stable funding source for services and programs targeting at-risk youth and their families. Services funded through JPCF include a complementary set of interventions along a continuum from prevention and

early intervention, to more intensive intervention within the community.

The San Mateo County Probation Department has funded multiple services such as academic support, school safety advocates, group and individual counselling, case management, substance abuse prevention/treatment, leadership mentors, and job readiness/placement programs through the JPCF.

In 2016, under the guidance of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), the local oversight body for JPCF, a five-year Local Action Plan (LAP) 2016-2020 was developed and replaced the previous LAP created in 2011. The LAP planning process includes key informant interviews, focus groups, and a survey completed by a plethora of community stakeholders to make sure to hear the voices from those who work directly with the youth in different capacities. The 2016-2020 LAP identified five (5) key areas of need for the youth and their families:

1. Behavioral Health
2. Impact of Poverty on Youth
3. Cultural Sensitivity
4. Family and Community Engagement
5. Additional Programs and Services, such as gang prevention, mentoring and re-entry

In fall 2019, the Probation Department began the planning process for the 2020-2025 LAP. Final implementation of the new LAP is set for July 1, 2020.

In January 2020, Probation completed a Request for Proposal process for Youth and Family Programs and selected the Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc., StarVista, and Urban Services YMCA of San Francisco to continue their services.

DISCUSSION:

Through this agreement, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula will provide evidence-based Project LEARN youth-centered strategies to an estimated 300 active youth members, grades 9 through 12, including after-school enrichment & academic support; mentoring; leadership development; behavioral skills & life skills development; and job-readiness. Family-centered strategies provided will include positive adult role-modeling for youth; programming for socially-isolated families; information & referral services; and family nights. Services will be provided at Contractor's two (2) clubhouses located at the Moldaw-Zaffaroni Clubhouse in East Palo Alto and Mervin G. Morris Clubhouse in Redwood City.

Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc. (FLY) will continue to provide Law and Leadership programs through law courses that offer life skills education which focus on asset building and cognitive-behavioral change to at-risk youth. This program shall be consistent with evidence-based practices by placing a high value on consultation, collaboration, and joining with youth, families, teachers, probation, and agency partners to identify, assess, and plan the appropriate level of intervention to develop assets in these identified at-risk youth.

StarVista will provide Strengthen Our Youth (SOY) behavioral health services which include Project SUCCESS, a research-based substance abuse prevention and early intervention program, and Seeking Safety, an evidence-based model which has been proven successful in directly addressing substance use and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Services also will include Dialectical

Behavior Therapy (DBT), designed to help the client and clinician through difficult presenting issues to change harmful behavior patterns, and both boys and girls support groups using trauma informed systems.

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) for each agreement, 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 each agreement is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The Agreements and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Probation Department has secured \$205,708.80 for Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula, \$265,270.93 for Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc., \$700,636.00 for StarVista, and \$668,982.34 for Urban Services YMCA of San Francisco from the Juvenile Probation and Camp Funding (JPCF) to support these Agreements for the term July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023. The funds have been included in the FY 2020-21 Preliminary Recommended Budget and will be included in the FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 Recommended Budgets. There is no Net County Cost.