



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PROBATION

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Board Meeting Date: 6/13/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

Subject: Agreement with 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 Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc. to provide continuous Law Program curriculum and 10-months individualized leadership programs for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$267,824; and
- B) 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, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$770,700; and
- C) An agreement with Urban Services YMCA of San Francisco to provide both an on-campus violence prevention program called the School Safety Advocates Program for middle schools, which provides early intervention services to at-risk youth at the middle school level for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$712,027.

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 2019, under the guidance of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), the local oversight body for JPCF, a five-year Local Action Plan (LAP) 2020-2025 was developed and replaced the LAP created in 2014. 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 2020-2025 LAP identified five (5) key areas of need for the youth and their families:

1. Behavioral Health
2. Positive Pathways for Youth
3. Parent Education and Support
4. Access to Effective Services
5. Alignment and Coordination of Systems

In November 2022, the Probation Department initiated a request for proposal (RFP) process (RFP No. PROB 2022-003 Youth and Family Programs), seeking to fill service gaps in the community for youth at-risk and juvenile offenders on Probation. Through this RFP, the Department entered negotiations with Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc., StarVista, and Urban Services YMCA of San Francisco to continue their services.

DISCUSSION:

Through this agreement, 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.

Urban Services YMCA of San Francisco (YMCA) will continue to provide the School Safety Advocates Program (SSA) to students in Middle Schools in South San Francisco, San Bruno, and San Mateo. The program utilizes evidence-based practices (EBPs) to provide individual counseling, crisis intervention, restorative conflict resolution, case management, and linkage to school and community services with the goal to decrease juvenile justice involvement and recidivism.

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 these agreements is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. The Agreements and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney’s Office.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Contractor	Performance Measures	FY 2023-24 Target	FY 2024-25 Target	FY 2025-26 Target
Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc.	The percentage of youth enrolled in the Leadership and Law Programs that report the programs gave them access to positive adult role models	80%	80%	80%
	The percentage of youth enrolled in the Leadership and Law Programs that report they are less likely to break the law after being in FLY	80%	80%	80%
	The percentage of youth enrolled in the Leadership and Law Programs that report the programs gave them more confidence to deal with negative peer pressure	80%	80%	80%
	Recidivism: The percentage of youth enrolled in the Leadership Program who did not sustain a new charge during program year	75%	75%	75%
	Education improvement: The percentage of eligible seniors in the Leadership Program who attained a GED or HS diploma	60-80%	60-80%	60-80%
StarVista	Percent of youth enrolled in SOY who reported that counseling helped them recognize their skills and strengths	80%	80%	80%
	Percentage of youth enrolled in SOY who reported that counseling helped them deal with issues that come up in day-to-day life	80%	80%	80%
	The percentage of youth enrolled in SOY who reported that they are less likely to use alcohol or drugs because of the program	80%	80%	80%
YMCA	The percentage of youth enrolled in SSA who reported that they are engaged and building skills because of the program	80%	80%	80%

	The percentage of youth enrolled in SSA who reported that they are developing supportive and positive relationships because of the program	80%	80%	80%
	The percentage of youth participating in alcohol and drug prevention groups who reported that they are less likely to use alcohol or drugs because of the program	80%	80%	80%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Probation Department has secured \$267,824.00 for Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc. and \$770,700.00 for StarVista, and \$712,027.00 for Urban Services YMCA of San Francisco from the Juvenile Probation and Camp Funding (JPCF) to support these Agreements for the term July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. The funds for this agreement have been included in the FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget and will be included in the FY 2024-25 and 2025-26 recommended budgets. There are no net county costs.