



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: PROBATION

File #: 23-521

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 StarVista secured through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) to provide services to at risk youth and young offenders.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with StarVista secured through the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding to continue to provide a continuous holistic system of care through individual, group, and family counseling for at-risk youth with mental health disorders and drug and alcohol dependence. Insights Program and Victim Impact Awareness educational services will be provided to adolescent offenders for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$786,301.

BACKGROUND:

The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) was created in 2000 by the State to provide a stable funding source for local juvenile justice programs that have been proven effective in reducing crime among at-risk and juvenile justice involved youth. The San Mateo County Probation Department has funded multiple services such as group and individual counselling, case management, mentoring, substance abuse treatment, leadership, and job readiness/placement programs through the JJCPA.

In 2019, under the guidance of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) the local oversight body for JJCPA, the five-year Local Action Plan (LAP) 2020-2025 was developed and replaced the LAP created in 2014. The data collection portion of the LAP includes Key Informant individual interviews, Focus Group interviews, 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 StarVista to continue existing and ongoing services.

DISCUSSION:

StarVista will continue to provide a holistic system of care to support at-risk youth with mental health issues and the needed help to attain safety from trauma/substance abuse and stressors, as well as Victim Impact Awareness services to adolescents. Additionally, StarVista will continue to provide the family-centered cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) model to provide parents, caretakers and other family members with new skills to support pro-social behaviors and educate families on how to deal with particularly challenging adolescents.

StarVista will continue to provide services in two locations in the County: Redwood City and Daly City.

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), 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. This Agreement and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney’s Office.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Performance Measures	FY 2023-24 Target	FY 2024-25 Target	FY 2025-26 Target
The percentage of youth enrolled in counseling services who reported that they are less likely to use alcohol or drugs because of the program	80%	80%	80%
The percentage of families participating in Family Therapy who reported that they developed new skills to deal with challenging adolescent behavior because of the program	80%	80%	80%
The percentage of families participating in Parent Support Group who reported that the program helped them strengthen the parent-teen relationship	80%	80%	80%
The percentage of youth enrolled in the VIA Education Preparation who did not sustain a new charge during the program year	80%	80%	80%

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Probation Department has secured \$786,301.00 for StarVista from the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding to support this Agreement 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 is no Net County Cost.