

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

May 20, 2025

FROM

TRACY REECE, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

SUBJECT

Revenue Contracts with School Districts to Provide School-Based Probation Officers

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Approve revenue contracts, including a non-standard term, with the following school districts, for the provision of school-based Probation Officers, at a cost not to exceed \$35,155 per each assigned full-time Probation Officer, in the aggregate amount of \$984,340, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

1. Adelanto Elementary School District – three probation officers (\$105,465). **(Agreement No. 25-302)**
2. Apple Valley Unified School District – two probation officers (\$70,310). **(Agreement No. 25-303)**
3. Bear Valley Unified School District – one probation officer (\$35,155). **(Agreement No. 25-304)**
4. Chaffey Joint Union High School District – one probation officer (\$35,155). **(Agreement No. 25-305)**
5. Chino Valley Unified School District – two probation officers (\$70,310). **(Agreement No. 25-306)**
6. Colton Joint Unified School District – one probation officer (\$35,155). **(Agreement No. 25-307)**
7. Cucamonga School District – one probation officer (\$35,155). **(Agreement No. 25-308)**
8. Morongo Unified School District – one probation officer (\$35,155). **(Agreement No. 25-309)**
9. Needles Unified School District – 0.75 probation officer (\$0). **(Agreement No. 25-310)**
10. San Bernardino City Unified School District – three probation officers (\$105,465). **(Agreement No. 25-311)**
11. San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools – six probation officers (\$210,930). **(Agreement No. 25-312)**
12. Upland Unified School District – two probation officers (\$70,310). **(Agreement No. 25-313)**
13. Victor Valley Union High School District – five probation officers (\$175,775). **(Agreement No. 25-314)**

(Presenter: Tracy Reece, Chief Probation Officer, 387-5692)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.

Pursue County Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Agencies and Stakeholders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). A total of 28.75 Probation Officers (POs) Full Time Equivalents will be assigned to 13 school districts (Districts). The PO for the Needles Unified School District will be assigned on a part-time basis and will not be charged to the district.

Given that school-based POs help prevent juvenile crime, these contracts fund 75% of the average annual cost of each PO (\$142,026) with Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) dollars. The remaining 25% is funded with reimbursements from Districts, with an amount not to exceed \$35,155 for each assigned full-time PO. The total cost of the 28.75 POs for 2024-25 is \$4,083,247.50, of which \$3,098,907.50 is funded with JJCPA dollars and Districts pay a not to exceed amount of \$984,340. Sufficient appropriation and revenue have been included in the Probation Department's (Department) 2025-26 recommended budget and will be included in future recommended budgets.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For more than 20 years, the Department has utilized various grants to fund school-based POs, including funding under the JJCPA. The JJCPA allocates state resources annually to fund programs that address juvenile crime prevention and focus on public safety. The POs serve as a resource for the Districts, and work with students and their families to provide necessary intervention/prevention services in response to problems that reach beyond the school setting and affect the student's academic progress. These intervention/prevention efforts often result in reduced student delinquency and improved classroom attendance and performance.

Services provided by the POs are based on the needs of the Districts and the guidelines of the contract. Some Districts use the POs for home visits with school personnel to increase attendance and/or use the POs to teach National Curriculum & Training Institute classes on campus such as anger management, cognitive life skills, delinquent behavior, drugs and alcohol, gang involvement, shoplifting, and truancy. The services offered by the POs are advertised during Districts and principal meetings to encourage participation. Many Districts have opted for services depending on their budgets.

On May 21, 2024 (Item No. 50), the Board of Supervisors approved revenue contracts with the Districts listed in the Recommendation, at a cost not to exceed \$34,131 per each assigned full-time PO, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Approval of the recommended contracts will allow school PO services to continue for an additional year, through June 30, 2026.

In the event that JJCPA funding is not available to continue these services through 2025-26, contract language has been included that allows either party to terminate the contract upon 15 days' written notice.

These contracts contain the following term that differs from the standard County contract:

1. The contracts with the Districts allow for mutual indemnification.
 - The County standard contract requires the contractor to indemnify the County in accordance with County Policy 11-07.
 - Potential Impact: The contracts will require the County and the Districts to indemnify each other based on comparative fault. The County could be liable for potential harm or loss incurred by the Districts.

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While this is a notable exception to the County's standard contract language, the Department recommends approval of these contracts, including the non-standard term, to continue the prevention efforts which often result in reduced student delinquency and improved classroom attendance and performance. The Districts have each presented and obtained approval of their contracts from their respective governing body.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jolena Grider, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on May 7, 2025; Risk Management (Gregory Ustaszewski, Staff Analyst, 386-9008) on May 5, 2025; Finance (Iliana Rodriguez, Administrative Analyst III, 387-4205) on April 25, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Valerie Clay, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on April 25, 2025.

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Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors
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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Joe Baca, Jr. Seconded: Curt Hagman
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.
Absent: Jesse Armendarez

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY 
DATED: May 20, 2025



cc: Probation - Villa w/agree
Contractor - c/o Probation w/agree
File - w/agree
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