

San Bernardino County

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

June 14, 2022

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 in the aggregate amount of \$900,816 with the following 13 school districts for the provision of school-based Probation Officers at a cost not to exceed \$32,172 per each assigned full-time Probation Officer, for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023:

- 1. Adelanto Elementary School District three probation officers (\$96,516).
- 2. Apple Valley Unified School District two probation officers (\$64,344).
- 3. Bear Valley Unified School District one probation officer (\$32,172).
- 4. Chaffey Joint Union High School one probation officer (\$32,172).
- 5. Chino Valley Unified School District two probation officers (\$64,344).
- 6. Colton Unified School District one probation officer (\$32,172).
- 7. Cucamonga School District one probation officer (\$32,172).
- 8. Morongo Unified School District one probation officer (\$32,172).
- 9. Needles Unified School District 0.75 probation officer (\$0).
- 10. San Bernardino City Unified School District three probation officers (\$96,516).
- 11. San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools six probation officers (\$193,032).
- 12. Upland Unified School District two probation officers (\$64,344).
- 13. Victor Valley Union High School District five probation officers (\$160,860).

(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

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 (PO) will be assigned to 13 school districts. The Probation Officer for the Needles Unified School District will be assigned on a part-time basis; therefore, this District will not be charged for the position. The average annual cost of each Probation Officer is \$129,974, and each district will reimburse an amount not to exceed \$32,172 for each assigned full-time Probation Officer. The total cost of the 28.75 Probation Officers for 2022-23 is \$3,736,752.50, of which the school districts agree to pay a not to exceed amount of \$900,816. The Probation Department's (Department) remaining cost of \$2,835,936.50 will

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be funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA). The JJCPA allocates state resources annually to fund programs that address juvenile crime prevention and focus on public safety. The Department requests the Board of Supervisors (Board) approval annually for the services provided by these contracts. Sufficient appropriation and revenue will be included in the 2022-23 and 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 POs serve as a resource for the school 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 PO is based on the needs of the school district and the guidelines of the contract. Some school districts use the PO for home visits with school personnel to increase attendance or use the PO to teach classes on campus or for both purposes.

On June 22, 2021 (Item No. 55) the Board approved Revenue Contracts with the above listed school districts, except for the Cucamonga School District, for the provision of school-based probation officers, at no cost to the school districts, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The Cucamonga School District is a new contract. Approval of the recommended contracts will allow school Probation Officer services to continue for an additional year, through June 30, 2023.

In the event that JJCPA funding is not available to continue these services through 2022-23, contract language has been included that allows either party to terminate the contract upon 15 days' written notice.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Jamie Ryan, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 29, 2022; Finance (Kathleen Gonzalez, Administrative Analyst III, 387-5285) on May 20, 2022; and County Finance and Administration (Robert Saldana, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 26, 2022.