



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/24/2024

File #: 24-940

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Probation

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Humboldt and the County of Mendocino for the Mutual Provision of Temporary Secure Non-Exclusive Detention Space for Detained Youth During an Emergency Evacuation

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Humboldt and the County of Mendocino; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return four copies of the agreement, with original signatures, to Elisha Hardison, Legal Office Business Manager, Humboldt County Probation Department

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This action supports the following areas of your Board’s Strategic Plan.

Area of Focus: Safe & Healthy Communities

Strategic Plan Category: 1001 -Support and sustain partnerships between public safety and partner agencies to enhance public safety in our communities

DISCUSSION:

Several years ago, Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS), wildfires, and adverse weather conditions and events caused the Probation Department to closely review the department’s existing Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). One of the challenges identified was the Juvenile Hall. Probation is mandated to operate a juvenile hall; however, in the event of a forced evacuation there is no local suitable secure facility into which staff can move youth. The best available options are contiguous counties. To that end, Humboldt County Probation entered into mutual aid agreements with Shasta County Probation and Mendocino County Probation in 2020 and 2021 respectively. The agreement with Mendocino County expires at the end of June and now also Humboldt County Probation and Mendocino County Probation are seeking to enter into a new mutual aid agreement. This agreement, like those prior, is mutual, meaning that Humboldt County would also receive Mendocino County youth in the event of a disaster forcing evacuation there.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Probation Juvenile Hall Budget Unit 1100234

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

<i>Expenditures (Fund, Budget Unit)</i>	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
Budgeted Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Additional Appropriation Requested	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

*Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.

Funding Sources (Fund, Budget Unit)	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
General Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
State/Federal Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fees/Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Use of Fund Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contingencies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Funding Sources	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

Humboldt County has never had to activate a mutual aid agreement and in years when the agreement is not activated, there is no financial impact. In the event that Humboldt County had to evacuate youth to Mendocino County, there would be no cost for the first 7 days. Beyond 7 days, the cost to the sending county would be \$80 per day, per youth and should the length of stay extend beyond 21 days the cost to the sending county would be \$175 per day, per youth. The annual amount of this agreement is not to exceed \$50,000. These costs would be absorbed into the existing Juvenile Hall Budget Unit 1100-234. Similarly, were Humboldt County to receive Mendocino County youth, the funds would be directed back into the Juvenile Hall Budget Unit 1100-234 to offset the cost of housing the out-of-county youth.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Position Title	Position Control Number	Monthly Salary Range (1A-E Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)
N/A				
N/A				

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:

There is no staffing impact.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Mendocino County Probation Department

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may elect not to approve the mutual aid agreement; however, this is not recommended as it would leave detained youth in Humboldt County vulnerable in the event of a forced evacuation. Not having agreements in place could result in serious delays in finding safe and secure detention space for detained Humboldt County youth.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Mutual Aid Agreement between the County of Humboldt and the County of Mendocino for the mutual provision of Temporary Secure Non-Exclusive Detention Space for Detained Youth during an Emergency Evacuation

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PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Meeting of: March 16, 2021

File No.: 21-136