



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 1/26/2021

File #: 21-55

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Probation

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Services

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Agreement with Two Feathers Native American Family Services for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Services;
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign this agreement and any future amendments after approval by County Counsel, Risk Management and the County Administrative Office; and
3. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return one original of the fully executed agreement to Humboldt County Probation Department Attn: Elisha Hardison.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Funding for this grant comes from the Humboldt County Probation's Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) allocation.

DISCUSSION:

The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) was created by the Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (Chapter 353) to provide a stable funding source for Juvenile justice programs aimed at curbing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth and juvenile offenders. JJCPA funds are available to address a continuum of responses including prevention, intervention, supervision, and incarceration. State law requires that JJCPA-funded programs be modeled on strategies that have demonstrated effectiveness in curbing juvenile delinquency. Beyond that, counties have broad discretion in how they use JJCPA funds to support and enhance their juvenile justice systems.

To encourage coordination and collaboration among the various local agencies serving at-risk youth and young offenders, JJCPA requires a county's Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (MAJJCC) to develop and modify the county's juvenile justice plan. The MAJJCC is chaired by the county's Chief Probation Officer and its members include

representatives of law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, the Board of Supervisors, social services, education, mental health, and community-based organizations.

The MAJJCC is required to meet at least annually to review and update the county Juvenile Justice Plan. JJCPA relies on partnership between the state, local agencies and stakeholders. Local officials and stakeholders determine where to direct resources through an interagency planning process. The State Controller's Office distributes the appropriated JJCPA fund to counties based on population. Local agencies and community-based organizations deliver programs and services. This partnership acknowledges the value the state places on local discretion and multiagency collaboration in addressing the problem of juvenile crime in California's communities. Humboldt County's MAJJCC has determined that using some of the funds to support diversionary services would be an ideal use of the funds.

Following a request for proposal, staff recommends the county contract with Two Feathers Native American Family Services (NAFS) for Two Feathers Youth Juvenile Justice Prevention Programming. This service will pair 10 to 15 Local Native Youth at risk of or actively involved with Juvenile Probation with a Youth Advocates according to shared interests and/or life experience. These youth and advocates will engage in weekly cultural mentorship. Youth Advocates will create mentorship plans that will target the following: school attendance and performance, structured recreational and cultural pro-social activities, and coping and independent living skills, employment and leadership development, juvenile justice requirements, substance use disorder and/or mental health. Youth and Youth Advocates will also define an activity and cultural project supplies needed to participate in cultural activities.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The funding for this grant comes from the Humboldt County JJCPA allocation for fiscal year 2020-21. Funding for this grant was included in the Probation Department's 2020-21 budget in budget unit 1100-202, therefore there is no supplemental budget required at this time. This grant will have no impact on the General Fund. The funds will pass through the Humboldt County Probation 1100-202 budget line to grant recipient.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by providing community-appropriate levels of service .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Two Feathers NAFS

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may elect to not approve this agreement however that is not recommended. This is an opportunity to support at risk youth with no cost to the general fund. This will encourage early intervention.

ATTACHMENTS:

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Service Agreement between Humboldt County Probation and Two Feathers NAFS

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: 1-28

Meeting of: December 15, 2020

File No.: 20-1535