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Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Recommendation of Supervisor Long and Supervisor Lopez to Expand the County's Tattoo Removal Program at Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara County (Goodwill); Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and Goodwill; Direct the County Executive Officer's (CEO)'s Office to Purchase Medical Equipment for the Provision of Tattoo Removal Services at Goodwill; Increase Appropriations and Revenues by \$82,000. (Recommendation #4 Requires 4/5ths Vote)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve expansion of the County's Tattoo Removal Program at Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties (Goodwill) at their corporate office in Oxnard.
2. Approve the MOU between the County and Goodwill.
3. Direct the CEO's Office to purchase one tattoo removal machine and provide the machine to Goodwill for the purpose of providing tattoo removal services.
4. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary budgetary adjustments to increase appropriations and unanticipated revenues (requires 4/5ths vote):

INCREASE	1060-4601	Capital Assets – Equipment	\$60,000
INCREASE	1060	Services and Supplies	\$22,000
DECREASE		General Fund Restricted for Healthcare	\$82,000

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACTS:

Mandatory: No
Sources of Funding: General Fund Restricted for Healthcare
Funding Match Required: No
Impact on Other Depts: Minimal

Current Fiscal Year Budget Projections:

Summary of Revenue & Total Costs	<u>FY2023-2024</u>	<u>FY2024-2025</u>
Revenues	\$82,000	\$0
Costs		
Direct	\$82,000	\$0
Indirect		
Net Cost	\$0	\$0
Recovered Indirect Costs		

1060 - Capital Projects				
	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY24 Adjusted Budget	Estimate to Year-End	Savings/(Cost)
Expenditures	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Cost	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0

BACKGROUND:

In February 2020, the tattoo removal equipment at the Santa Paula Clinic broke down and a few months later, the tattoo removal program was closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. On July 26, 2022, the Board approved conceptual approval of the resurrection and expansion of the tattoo removal program. The Board also directed County staff to perform program analysis and formulate recommendations.

On September 13, 2022, the Board approved the expansion of the program into the County's detention facilities at the Todd Road Jail and Juvenile Facility with the purchase of two tattoo removal machines to aid youth and young adult residents as well as adult inmates. On December 6, 2022, the Board approved an expansion of the program and the purchase of one tattoo removal machine into the Free Clinic of Simi Valley for the provision of tattoo removal services.

DISCUSSION:

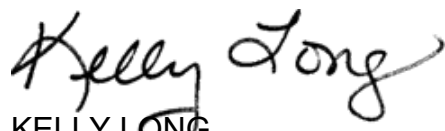
The tattoo removal program has been very popular and is still one of the most common inquiries to District 3's office. Individuals have stated that removing gang-related or anti-social and visible tattoos on the face, head, neck, or hands will help them find employment

and will better lead to permanent careers. Moreover, studies have shown removing visible tattoos may actually lead to lower recidivism rates and it can also signify a new chapter in someone's life. Additionally, clients are often times led to other comprehensive wraparound services such as mental health, job development and GED tutoring.

Goodwill has expressed interest in providing tattoo removal services, providing another location for the West County area. Goodwill has available space in the city of Oxnard to provide the services for clients in the county. We request that the Board direct the CEO to purchase one tattoo removal machine and provide the machine to Goodwill. We request that the Board also approve the MOU with Goodwill and authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the necessary budgetary adjustments.

County staff will continue to perform program analysis pertaining to serving clients in other parts of the County, particularly in the Santa Clara Valley. Staff will formulate recommendations and report back to the BOS at a later time.

Sincerely,



KELLY LONG
Supervisor, Third District



VIANEY LOPEZ
Supervisor, Fifth District

Attachment: Exhibit 1 - MOU