



# COUNTY of VENTURA

## Probation Agency

GINA JOHNSON

Interim Chief Probation Officer

March 14, 2023

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93009

**SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Chief Probation Officer or Designee to Sign, an Agreement with the Ventura County Office of Education, in the Amount of \$354,686 per Year, to Provide Vocational Services for Justice Involved Youth and Transitional Aged Youth Through June 30, 2024; Authorization for the Chief Probation Officer or Designee to Sign Amendments to the Agreement to Extend the Agreement for up to Three One-Year Periods and to Make Minor Changes to the Agreement with the Approval of County Executive Office and County Counsel.**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve and authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to sign, an Agreement (Exhibit 1) with the Ventura County Office of Education (VCOE), to provide vocational services for justice involved youth through June 30, 2024.
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to sign amendments to the agreement to extend the agreement for up to three (3) one-year periods and to make minor changes to the services, deliverables, reporting and data collection requirements, upon approval by the County Executive Office and County Counsel.

### **FISCAL MANDATES/IMPACT:**

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	SB 823
Funding Match Required:	None required
Impact on Other Departments:	Minimal

<b>Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:</b>	<b>FY 2022-2023</b>	<b>FY 2023-2024</b>
Revenue:	\$118,229	\$354,686
Costs:		
Direct	\$118,229	\$354,686
Indirect – Dept.	\$0	\$0
Indirect – County CAP (B)	\$0	\$0
Total Costs	\$	\$0
Net County Cost, Including Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0

Recovered Indirect Cost:  
(Dept. and County CAP)

\*Indirect costs are not material.

FY 2022-2023 revenue and costs estimated for a 3/1/2023 start date

<b>Ventura County Probation Agency FY 2022-23 Budget Projection for BU #2622</b>				
	<b>FY 2023 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>FY 2023 Adjusted Budget</b>	<b>Estimate to Year-End</b>	<b>(Savings/(Cost))</b>
Appropriations	\$18,537,762	\$18,919,922	\$19,707,598	(\$787,676)
Revenue	\$7,823,721	\$7,883,721	\$6,512,291	(\$1,371,430)
Net Cost	\$10,714,041	\$11,036,201	\$13,195,307	(\$2,159,106)

There are sufficient appropriations in the current budget.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In 2014, the Governor signed AB 2276 amending certain sections of the Education Code and generally requiring that a pupil who has had contact with the juvenile justice system be immediately enrolled in a public school and that county offices of education and county probation departments have a “joint transition planning policy” that includes collaboration with relevant local educational agencies relating to pupils who are being released from juvenile court schools.

On September 30, 2020, the Governor signed into law SB 823, which, among other things, realigns the juvenile justice system by phasing out the state’s Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in favor of housing delinquent youth in county facilities, with the intent of serving committed youth in their communities and closing down DJJ facilities statewide

by June 30, 2023. Currently, youth previously committed to DJJ now serve a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) commitment in county juvenile facilities. SB 823 also extends juvenile court jurisdiction until age 25, which requires the Juvenile Facility to house these youth ages 19 to 24 who would otherwise be housed in the Ventura County Jail. Another primary goal of SB 823 is to have counties provide evidence-based and promising programs and practices to improve outcomes and reduce recidivism for justice involved youth.

To support the goals of SB 823, and the goals of our Juvenile Justice Plan, Probation desires to enter a contract with VCOE to provide career readiness and vocational training for transitional aged youth (ages 18-24) who have completed high school and who are housed in the juvenile facilities. Under the proposed Agreement, VCOE would provide up to 600 hours per year of instruction in career exploration, workplace essentials, automotive engine repair, agriculture, and natural resources. This training will assist the transitional aged youth population to learn valuable and marketable skills, which may assist with re-entry.

Your Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to sign the agreement in Exhibit 1. Your Board is also being requested to authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to sign amendments to the agreement in Exhibit 1 to make minor changes to the services, deliverables, reporting, and data collection requirements, with the prior approval of the County Executive Office and County Counsel. A change will qualify as a "minor change" for purposes of this authorization only if it does not increase the costs incurred by the Probation Agency for provision of services and does not alter the indemnification provisions under the agreement. Your Board is also being asked to authorize the Chief Probation Officer or designee to sign amendments to the agreement in Exhibit 1 to extend the agreement for up to three (3) one-year periods.

The County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel have reviewed this letter. If you have any questions regarding this item, please feel free to contact me at (805) 654-2111 or Chief Deputy Tim Dowler at (805) 981-5526.

Sincerely,



GINA JOHNSON

Interim Chief Probation Officer

Attachment:

Exhibit 1: Agreement with the Ventura County Office of Education