



COUNTY OF VENTURA PROBATION AGENCY

December 17, 2024

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

SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Purchasing Agent or Designee to Sign, the Second Amendment to the Contract with The Partnership for Safe Families & Communities of Ventura County for Care Navigation Services, Changing the Contractor's Name and Raising the Not-to-Exceed Amount to \$275,000 for FY 2024–25; and Authorization for the Purchasing Agent or Designee to Make Minor Changes to the Contract and to Extend the Contract for up to Four One-Year Periods, Not to Exceed \$275,000 Per Fiscal Year.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve, and authorize the Purchasing Agent or designee to sign, the second amendment to the contract with The Partnership for Safe Families & Communities of Ventura County for Care Navigation Services (see Exhibits 1 and 2), as recommended by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), changing the contractor's name and raising the not-to-exceed amount to \$275,000 for FY 2024–25.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent or designee to sign amendments to make minor changes to the contract regarding services, deliverables, reporting and data collection requirements with approval from County Counsel and the CEO's Office.
3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent or designee to sign amendments extending the contract for up to four (4) one-year periods, not to exceed \$275,000 per fiscal year.

FISCAL MANDATES/IMPACT:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) makes funds available to Probation agencies to implement juvenile and adult crime prevention programs.
Funding Match Required: None required.
Impact on Other Departments: None.

<u>Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:</u>	<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>FY 2025-26</u>
Revenue:	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
Indirect – Agency/Dept.	0	0
Indirect – County CAP	0	0
Total Costs	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
Net Costs:	\$ 0	\$ 0
Recovered Indirect Costs:	\$ 0	\$ 0

FY 2024-25 Budget Projection for Probation Agency - Division 2600, Units 2634 & 2652				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 15,178,071	\$ 15,440,879	\$ 15,242,649	\$ 198,230
Revenue	\$ 14,852,790	\$ 14,852,790	\$ 15,242,176	\$ 389,386
Net Cost	\$ 325,281	\$ 588,089	\$ 473	\$ 587,616

Sufficient revenue and appropriations have been included in the FY 2024-25 Adjusted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Partnership for Safe Families & Communities, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with over 40 years of service in Ventura County, is partnered with the Probation Agency to support community-based alternatives to incarceration. Their mission is to cultivate a safe, healthy, and peaceful community, offering a haven for those affected by abuse, poverty, and trauma, and serving as a vital resource for Ventura County residents in crisis. Through collaborative efforts, they strive to break generational cycles of adversity, ensuring the well-being of children, young adults, communities, and families.

The Partnership's holistic, care navigation model, supports the resilience of families, accountability, and the prevention of childhood trauma, while empowering participants to proactively combat family and community stressors from a neutral frame. The support structures of this Network of Care add intentional organization and relational support into the care connection process. Their team has successfully implemented this model within medical systems to support families with high ACE levels (adverse childhood experiences). It is their goal to expand this evidence-based approach of leveraging and linking those with high-risk criminogenic risk factors to aligned support structures in a way that honors the needs and capacity of individuals in both the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems. The resourcing and position of the Partnership in the community makes them an informed and capable choice to mediate and manage this work, and to augment rehabilitative efforts made by probation officers. The Network of Care model is a comprehensive approach, rooted in research and science, which aims to fulfill a high priority of the justice system: rehabilitation while ensuring community safety. Their macro to micro vision for utilizing the Network of Care model in the juvenile justice and criminal justice space is holistic and inclusive, providing a continuum of community-based services and incarceration alternatives to develop coordinated services that provide programming for the target population under an overarching goal of reducing recidivism.

The Partnership's Network of Care model is directly correlated to the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM) of Ventura County and is designed from a holistic, developmental lens. It provides timely and individualized support for youth, young adults and their families, using a strengths-based lens to connect participants with resources and technical assistance across systems, while mindfully considering racial and ethnic disparities and their impact on supportive practices.

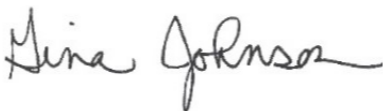
The Partnership has been engaged with youth on juvenile probation, transitional aged youth on adult probation, as well as many of their family members for the past 6 months. To date, the majority of the moderate to high-risk clients referred have remained arrest free, directly impacting county recidivism, reducing the strain on the court system and improving client and family outcomes. This suggests that probation supervision, in conjunction with Care Navigation Services, is having a positive effect on youth and young adults in Ventura County.

The contract in Exhibit 1 was originally approved by the Purchasing Agent in early 2024 at the not-to-exceed amount of \$175,000. Last month, the Purchasing Agent agreed to extend the contract to the end of FY 2024–25. Your Board is now being asked to authorize an increase to the annual contract amount, up to \$275,000 per fiscal year, because the program operations require additional staffing and expanded hours to serve the youth, young adults and families referred for navigation services. (See Exhibit 2.) The amendment in Exhibit 2 will also change the contractor's name to its correct name. Your Board is also being asked to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign up to four one-year extensions of the contract, at the same \$275,000 annual not-to-exceed amount. Finally, your Board is being asked to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign amendments making minor changes to the contract, upon approval by County Counsel and the County Executive Office. For purposes of this authorization, a "minor change" is a change to the contract's services, deliverables, reporting, or data-collection requirements that does not increase the County's costs under the contract.

These services are in line with the County of Ventura's strategic priorities, specifically; Healthy, Safe and Resilient Communities, Lifting up the Most Vulnerable, Reliable Infrastructure and Sustainability, and Diverse and Innovative Workforce Dedicated to Service Excellence. Furthermore, the targeted services of this partnership also are aligned with all five of the Ventura County Juvenile Justice Plan priority areas, which include Family Support, Emotional and Behavioral Well-Being, Prevention and Early Intervention, Coordinated Systems Approach, and Prosocial and Skill Building Opportunities.

The Chief 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) 654-2100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Johnson".

GINA JOHNSON
Chief Probation Officer

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1 – Contract with The Partnership for Safe Families & Communities of Ventura County
- Exhibit 2 – Second Amendment to the Contract