



COUNTY of VENTURA

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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
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SUBJECT: Approval of the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan; Authorization for the Director of the Probation Agency to Accept Senate Bill 823 (SB 823) Funding in the Amount of \$660,362 for FY 2021-2022; Authorization for the Director of the Probation Agency to Accept Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) Grant Funding in the Amount of \$152,571 for FY 2021-2022

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan (Exhibit 1).
2. Approve and Authorize the Director of the Probation Agency to receive state SB 823 funding in the amount of \$660,362 for FTY 2021-2022.
3. Authorize the Director of the Probation Agency to Receive Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) Grant Funding in the Amount of \$152,571 for FY 2021-2022.
4. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to process the accounting transactions necessary to establish appropriations and unanticipated revenue as follows (4/5ths vote required):

INCREASE 2600-2621 Services and Supplies	\$152,571
INCREASE 2600-2621 Intergovernmental Revenues	\$152,571
INCREASE 2600-2622 Services and Supplies	\$660,362
INCREASE 2600-2622 Intergovernmental Revenues	\$660,362

FISCAL MANDATES/IMPACT:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	General Fund, State Grant funds, BSCC Grant Funds
Funding Match Required:	None required
Impact on Other Departments:	Minimal

Summary of Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2021-22</u>	<u>FY 2022-23</u>
Allocated Revenue:	\$812,933	\$1,952,378

Costs:

Direct	\$0	\$0
Indirect – Dept.	\$0	\$0
Indirect – County CAP	\$0	\$0
Contractors:	\$812,933	\$1,952,378
Total Costs:	\$812,933	\$1,952,378
Net County Cost, Including Indirect	\$0	\$0
Recovered Indirect Costs:	\$0	\$0

*Indirect costs are not material as they are incurred for the monitoring of the program and coordinating program activities.
**FY2022-23 revenue and costs are estimate from BSCC.

FY 2021-2022 Budget Projection for Probation Agency BU #2621 as of AP 03				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimate (Savings/ Deficit)
Appropriations	\$4,160,627	\$4,235,717	\$4,388,288	\$152,571
Revenue	\$ 307,600	\$ 307,600	\$ 460,171	\$152,571
Net Cost	\$3,853,027	\$3,928,117	\$3,928,117	\$0

FY 2021-2022 Budget Projection for Probation Agency BU #2622 as of AP 03				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimate (Savings/ Deficit)
Appropriations	\$17,046,141	\$17,088,667	\$17,749,029	\$660,362
Revenue	\$ 5,677,700	\$ 5,677,700	\$ 6,338,062	\$660,362
Net Cost	\$11,368,441	\$11,410,967	\$11,410,967	\$0

Note: Revenues and appropriations were not included in the Probation Agency's FY2021-2022 Adjusted Budget related to these programs. However, there will be no impact on Net County Cost. For FY 2022-2023, our Preliminary Budget request will include sufficient appropriations and revenues to cover the cost of these programs.

DISCUSSION:

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. As of July 1, 2021, youth previously committed to DJJ now serve a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) commitment in county juvenile facilities. Currently, we have six youth serving a SYTF commitment at the Ventura County Juvenile Facilities. SB 823 also extends juvenile Court jurisdiction until age 25, which requires the Juvenile Facilities to house these youth ages 19 to 24 who would otherwise be housed in the Ventura County Jail. We currently serve 13 of these youth. 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.

As required by Welfare and Institutions Code section 1995(a), your Board created a subcommittee of the multiagency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) to develop a plan describing the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision, and reentry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services for the population. Major components of the plan (in Exhibit 1) include the development of a vocational center on campus, embedded mentors with lived experience, the ARISE gang program (youth gang prevention program), access to transitional housing for community reintegration, and a focus on transforming the facility to have a more of a campus like look and feel. The plan in Exhibit 1 was approved by JJCC. Additionally, subcommittee members considered input from community groups and members at a public meeting held on October 19, 2021.

Every fiscal year, in making allocations of realignment funding, your Board must consider this plan, under Welfare and Institutions Code section 1991(a). After your Board's approval, the plan will be submitted to the newly created Office of Youth and Community Restoration for state approval prior to January 1, 2022.

To offset the costs of realignment, the state has allocated \$660,362 in funding to Ventura County. Additionally, the BSCC has awarded one-time grant funding in the amount of \$152,571 to the County for infrastructure-related needs and improvements to assist in the development of local continuum of care.

The Probation Agency desires to provide services to support the goals of SB 823. The Agency has contracted with Applied Survey Research, Inc. (ASR) to analyze our juvenile justice programs and to identify gaps in current services. To support the goals of SB 823, your Board is being asked to approve the plan in Exhibit 1 and authorize the Director of the Probation Agency to accept the above funding in the total amount of \$812,933 to provide these services.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor Controller's Office, County Counsel, the Public Defender, and the District Attorney. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-2100 or Chief Deputy Tim Dowler at (805) 981-5526

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

Exhibit 1- Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan FY 2021-2022