



COUNTY *of* VENTURA

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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
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Ventura, California 93009

SUBJECT: Approval of, and Authorization for the Director of the Probation Agency or His Designee to Sign, an Amendment with the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, to Increase the Funding Amount Under the Pretrial Pilot Agreement by \$181,865 and Increase the Total Contract Not to Exceed Amount by a Corresponding Amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve, and Authorize the Director of the Probation Agency or his designee to sign the Amendment in Exhibit 1 to the Pretrial Pilot Agreement with the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, to increase the funding amounts by \$181,865 and increase the total contract not to exceed amount by a corresponding amount.

FISCAL MANDATES/IMPACT:

No fiscal impact associated with this action; sufficient appropriations exist in the fiscal year 2023 budget.

DISCUSSION:

The Probation Agency has operated the Pretrial Assessment and Monitoring Services (PRAMS) since 2013. PRAMS administers a validated risk assessment for defendants in custody pending Court Proceedings. The assessment results and respective report are filed with Court during arraignment or the bail review proceedings. PRAMS assists the

Court in making release and bail decisions. PRAMS also monitors defendants released on pretrial monitoring.

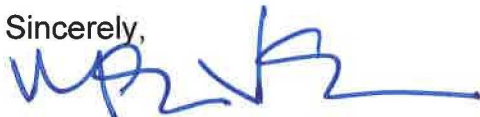
The Budget Act of 2019 provided for one time funding for Superior Courts to implement or expand and to evaluate Pretrial Pilot Programs. Ventura County Superior Court was awarded \$3,687,000 and contracted with the Probation Agency for \$3,304,329. These Pretrial Pilot Program funds were utilized to expand and enhance PRAMS. This included assessing defendants when booked into jail; expanding operations to twelve hours a day, seven days a week; and enhancing services available to defendants. The initial Pretrial Pilot Program funding expired on June 30, 2021. However, Senate Bill 115 amended the Budget Act of 2019 and the Budget Act of 2020, extending this funding through June 30, 2022. On August 13, 2021, Ventura County Superior Court was awarded \$1,390,308 and provided the Probation Agency with \$1,390,308 to continue expanded operations through June 30, 2022.

On December 14, 2021, your Board approved the Pretrial Pilot Program agreement between the Superior Court and Probation. After reconciling funds, the Ventura County Superior Court desires to increase the amount payable to the County by \$181,865. Judicial Council of California (JCC) requires that the County amend the Pretrial Pilot Program agreement to provide for such an increase.

Your Board is being asked to authorize the Director of the Probation Agency or his designee to sign the Amendment #2 in Exhibit 1, increasing the Pretrial Pilot Program from \$1,204,454 to \$1,386,318 and the total compensation from \$4,238,996 to the amount not to exceed \$4,420,860.

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 or Chief Deputy Gina Johnson at (805) 654-2111.

Sincerely,



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Attachment:

Exhibit 1: Amendment #2 with the Ventura County Superior Court