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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: March 22, 2022

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Goldman
Probation Department

SUBJECT: Resolution approving an Agreement with Sonoma County Juvenile Hall to house youth from Nevada County who have been realigned from the State Division of Juvenile Justice under SB92 and SB823 to serve their sentences in local secure youth treatment facilities instead of state institutions. Said agreement will begin upon execution through August 31, 2024, estimated not to exceed \$150,000 annually, and authorizing the Chair of the Board to execute the Agreement and amend the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget (4/5 affirmative vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution.

FUNDING: Under this agreement, the cost of housing youth dispositioned to a state level of care at the Sonoma County Juvenile Hall will be \$300 per day, per youth, in a maximum amount of \$150,000 per year for the contract term. Costs will only be incurred if youth are placed, and currently we have no youth who meet the criteria of this program. Under SB 823, funding has been made available specifically to house and provide services to these youth. The funding is restricted, and if not needed for placements, may be used for programming and interventions for this population of youth. A fund has been created for this new revenue and a budget amendment is needed to recognize revenue and anticipated expenses related to the use of this fund (\$25,000 revenue and \$25,000 expense) for the current fiscal year. No general funds are required.

BACKGROUND:

In 2020 SB 823 announced the closure of the State Division of Juvenile Justice, realigning the care of certain youth from state institutions to the care of counties. On May 14, 2021, the Governor signed SB 92, creating a "Secure Youth Treatment Facilities" track for youth found to have committed serious offenses. These youth must be housed at facilities that provide a "state" level of commitment, which is a level of care that wasn't available at the Nevada County Juvenile Hall prior to closure, and isn't currently available at the Placer County Juvenile Hall. Nevada County doesn't have any youth in placement who need this level of care, and hasn't for some time. However, we must have an option available should such a case arise. This MOU will allow Nevada County to place youth who otherwise would have been placed at state institutions to be placed in the Sonoma County Juvenile Hall. Current and future youth who do not need this higher level of care will continue to be placed at the Placer County Juvenile Hall.

SB 823 established a Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant and the funding associated was granted to counties, beginning July 2021, provided a plan was submitted. The plan was developed by a collaborative body chaired by the Chief Probation Officer, and comprised of a representative from the Court, District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Social Services, Mental Health, County Office of Education (or school districts), and at least three community members who have experience as a community-based youth services provider, justice advocate, or directly involved in the system. The plan described the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision, and re-entry strategies that are needed to provide appropriate rehabilitation. Given Nevada County no longer has a youth detention facility, the committee agreed to contract with another county for this housing requirement. After researching programs, Sonoma County's program most closely aligned with the values of Nevada County and the needs of our youth. Additionally, this is a newly realigned task and the options and availability of programs is still very limited. The committee unanimously agreed to contract with Sonoma County. The committee also decided should we not expend the funds on the cost of detention, the funding will be used for programming and interventions for this population. The funding allows for fairly flexible spending limited to this population of youth.

Item Initiated by: Angelina Coffey, Administrative Services Officer
Approved by: Jeff Goldman, Chief Probation Officer

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