



NEVADA COUNTY

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 25, 2021
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Michael Ertola
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SUBJECT: Resolution approving Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nevada County Superior Court for the Pretrial Pilot Program to extend the MOU end date to December 31, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

FUNDING: The Superior Court requested and was approved by the Judicial Council to roll unspent funds into a third year for this Pretrial Pilot Program. The extension of this MOU provides for an additional year of funding in the amount of \$99,972 for the fiscal year of 2021/2022. These funds were included in the Probation Department's budget request for fiscal year 2021/2022. If the fiscal year 2021/2022 Probation budget is adopted as proposed, no budget amendment or general funds are required.

BACKGROUND: On August 9, 2019, the Judicial Council awarded funds to 16 pretrial projects in trial courts throughout the State for 2 years. Nevada County was one of the selected 16 trial courts. The idea behind the project was to increase the safe and efficient release of arrestees before trial; use the least restrictive monitoring practices possible while protecting public safety and ensuring court appearances; validate and expand the use of risk assessment tools; and assess any bias. Probation began the process of building the Pretrial Pilot Program from the ground up. This included selecting and training staff, creating policy/procedure, developing response matrixes, creating the pre-trial report itself, and vetting all of this through the stakeholders and gaining approval. While funding was in place for the program it was untapped during this process. When Pretrial launched in July of 2020, it was amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Many pieces of the program went underutilized during this time (ie: bus passes, drug testing, electronic monitoring etc.). Therefore, Judicial Council approved the program to be extended for a third year as there are funds available.

Respectfully submitted,

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