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Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Philip F. Kader, County Probation Officer
Date: June 9, 2015

Subject: Contract Amedment with University of Cincinnati Research Institute (UCRI)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Chief Probation Officer, or his designee, to execute a contract amendment with the University of Cincinnati Research Institute (UCRI), to increase the payment limit from \$98,0000 to a new payment limit of \$158,000, and extend the term from July 31, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The increased fiscal impact of \$60,000 will be covered 100% by the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

In April 2014, with the assistance of the University of Cincinnati Research Institute (UCRI), Probation began addressing the challenges of disciplining Juvenile Hall residents while continuing to meet their educational needs and maintaining the safety and security of all of the juveniles housed at Juvenile Hall, the staff, and the facility itself. The Department retained UCRI to develop a new behavior management system for Juvenile Hall, including a more effective way to use room confinement without compromising the safety and security of the facility. The new behavior management system focused on providing incentives to juveniles to engage in positive behavior

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/09/2015** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I
Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II
Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III
Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV
Supervisor

ABSENT: Federal D. Glover, District V
Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 9, 2015

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

rather than relying on discipline and punishment to discourage negative behavior. This emphasis on positive reinforcement reflected a philosophical change in the Department's approach to behavioral issues. As a first step towards development of the new behavior management system, Probation Department staff assigned to Juvenile Hall as well as others assigned to work at Juvenile Hall, such as teachers from the County Office of Education and therapists from the Health Services Department, received training by UCRI. The training focused on correctional institution practices. The next step required UCRI to develop a new security policy and a new incentive program. This contract amendment/extension is necessary for UCRI to provide enhanced training to Juvenile Hall staff as well as to develop a curriculum for school teachers to facilitate targeting criminogenic need.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Probation will be unable to expand their Core Corrections Program.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

This program supports the following community outcomes from the Children's Report Card: "Children are Healthy and Ready for School", "Youth Are Healthy and Preparing for Adulthood", and "Families and Communities Are Safe."