



Contra  
Costa  
County

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender  
Date: April 12, 2016

Subject: Juvenile Reentry Legal Fellowship (NJDC Grant)

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Public Defender's Office (0243): APPROVE Appropriations and Revenue Adjustment No. 5058 authorizing new revenue in the amount of \$37,119 from the National Juvenile Defender Center, and appropriating it for contracted temporary help for the pilot Juvenile Post Disposition Reentry Legal Fellowship program in the Office of the Public Defender.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This grant will provide \$37,119 for salary reimbursement for an initial seven (7) month pilot fellowship program, with the potential for renewal for an additional year. A local direct funding match of \$7,885 is required, which will be provided by reallocation of expenditure appropriations from expert witnesses (Non-County Professional Services). There is no increase in Net County Cost.

**BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting on February 9, 2016, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Public Defender to submit a grant application and execute an agreement with the National Juvenile

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/12/2016** ☒ 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  
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: April 12, 2016

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

By: Stacey M. Boyd, Deputy

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cc:



### BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Defender Center (NJDC) to host a pilot Juvenile Post Disposition Reentry Legal Fellowship program.

The goal of this initiative is to support the success of justice-involved youth returning to their community by removing legal barriers to education, employment and housing. In this program, the NJDC provides funding for the Legal Fellow (attorney) salary, training and travel expenses, and the host organizations provide funding for fringe benefits, malpractice insurance, appropriate workspace and supplies.

### CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the new revenue and appropriations are not authorized and approved, the Public Defender's Office will not have access to the additional help needed to address the legal representation needs of its Juvenile clients.

### CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

The Fellowship program funded by this grant is designed to provide legal services to address barriers in employment and education that youthful offenders face in community reintegration following a juvenile delinquency placement or commitment. The ultimate measure of success of this pilot program will be an increase in employment and education participation of post-disposition juvenile offenders in Contra Costa County.

### ATTACHMENTS

Appropriation and Revenue Adjustment No. 5058