



Contra
Costa
County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Date: October 18, 2016

Subject: Proposal to Establish a County Office of Reentry and Justice (ORJ) Pilot Project

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE the recommendation from the Public Protection Committee to establish an Office of Reentry and Justice (ORJ) within the County Administrator's Office as a pilot project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Budget for the ORJ Pilot project is included in Attachment B. It is comprised of existing AB 109 Public Safety Realignment Budget allocations to the CAO, Probation, and the District Attorney's Office; AB 109 Planning and Implementation funding from the State; and Local Innovation Fund revenue based on 2015 Growth allocations.

BACKGROUND:

At its May 6, 2016 meeting, the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) received a proposal from its Community Advisory Board (CAB) to establish a County Office of Reentry and Justice (ORJ) in the Probation Department. The CAO indicated that the proposal for an ORJ was under consideration for establishment in the County Administrator's Office. Over the course of two months, the CAO's office consulted with the

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR ☒ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **10/18/2016** ☒ 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: October 18, 2016

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

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CAB in the development of a proposal, which built on the work of the CAB and provides for a 2.5 year pilot project during which the ORJ will be established and implemented.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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The CCP considered this matter at its August 5, 2016 meeting. The Executive Committee voted 6-0 (1 absence) to approve the proposal presented by the CAO to establish the Office of Reentry and Justice as a pilot project in the CAO's office, as described in Attachment A. At the conclusion of the pilot, the CAO will evaluate the ORJ functional performance, achievements, and utility as well as resource availability and utilization, and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on its future operations.

The mission of the ORJ will be to build on, align and formalize a cohesive structure for the work currently being provided by the CAO and the contracted Reentry Coordinator in advancement of reentry, public safety realignment and justice initiatives.

Similarities and Differences between CAB and CAO Proposals

Similarities

- Establishment of an ORJ as a pilot project: *Expanding on and formalizing the role and responsibilities of CAO and Reentry Coordinator.*
- Scope and Responsibilities of the ORJ are similar
- Deliverables and Outcomes are the same

Differences

1. CAO Proposal is 2.5 year pilot project versus 3 year plan from CAB. (Jan. 1, 2017 through July 30, 2019).
2. CAO Proposal utilizes existing AB 109 budget allocations: CAO Budget, Probation Reentry Coordinator contract, DA's Ceasefire Program Coordinator funding. *CAB Proposal required additional AB 109 funding of \$312,958.*
3. CAO Proposal utilizes existing staff resources in the CAO's office, and proposes a higher level of management and administrative support.
4. CAO Proposal locates the office at 1200 Escobar St. (*former Crime Lab*) when the space becomes available.
5. CAO Proposal incorporates AB 109 "Planning & Implementation" funds (*approx. \$600,000*) to provide capacity-building initiatives.
6. CAO Proposal incorporates AB 109 "Innovation Funds" (*estimated at \$120k*).
7. Staffing: CAO proposal ramps up over 2.5 years from 3.4 FTE to 5.0 FTE (*with CeaseFire Coordinator*)
 - a. CAO proposal includes Senior Management Analyst (*CAB included ASA III for 0.25 FTE*) and Research and Evaluation Manager (*CAB proposed Data Analyst*)
 - b. CAO contemplates development of an Intern/Fellow program
 - c. CAO proposal includes the Ceasefire Coordinator
8. CAO Proposal for ORJ Program Manager is same classification and salary level as CAB-proposed Director position
9. CAO Proposal includes a reduction of commitment of ORJ Director's time over the

pilot period

At its September 25, 2016 meeting, the Public Protection Committee (PPC) of the Board of Supervisors considered the proposal and voted to recommend its approval by the Board of Supervisors. The PPC directed that a Work Group be established by the County Administrator's Office to receive input on the development of a Work Plan for the ORJ, which would be presented to the CCP. Since the PPC meeting, the CAO's office has received updated information about the Local Innovation Fund Subaccount revenue (approximately \$120k lower than anticipated) which is reflected in the Budget.

Attachments:

Attachment A: CAO Proposal for the Pilot ORJ

Attachment B: CAO Budget for Pilot ORJ

Attachment C: CAB Proposal to Establish a Contra Costa County Office of Reentry & Justice

Attachment D: District Attorney's "CeaseFire, Community and Restorative Justice Project"

Attachment E: Local Innovation Fund allocations

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: ORJ Pilot Proposal

Attachment B: ORJ Budget

Attachment C: CAB Proposal ORJ

Attachment D: DA CeaseFire Coordinator

Attachment E: Local Innovation Fund