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County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: David Twa, County Administrator  
Date: July 30, 2019

Subject: Interagency Agreement with Pittsburg Police Department for Central-East Ceasefire Program

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Administrator, or designee, to execute a contract with the City of Pittsburg, Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$119,000 to provide Central & East County Ceasefire Program coordination services for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, subject to approval as to form by County Counsel.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

100% Public Safety Realignment funds.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 7, 2018 the Community Correction Partnership (CCP) Executive Committee approved the FY 2019-20 AB 109 Public safety Realignment Budget for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Recommended Budget included \$119,000 for "Ceasefire Program coordination services." Today's action by the Board of Supervisors authorizes \$119,000 for the continued program coordination services for the Central & East County Ceasefire Program by staff in the City of Pittsburg Police Department.

In October 2016, the County Administrator's Office issued Request for Qualifications

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☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD  
COMMITTEE

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Action of Board On: **07/30/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, 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: July 30, 2019

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

By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

Contact: Lara DeLaney, (925)  
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cc:

#1610-200 to secure the provision of "Ceasefire Program Coordination services" for the period

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

of December 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for the purpose of implementing the Central & East County Ceasefire Program. The funding for this project was established in the Board of Supervisors' adopted FY 2016-17 AB 109 Public Safety Realignment Budget, as an allocation of \$110,000 that had been requested and received by the District Attorney's Office. Upon the establishment of the Office of Reentry & Justice, the allocation was transferred to the CAO/ORJ budget for contract administration and management.

Subsequent to the RFQ process, the County developed an interagency agreement with the Pittsburg Police Department in the amount of \$50,000 for Captain Mike Perry to provide the Central & East County Ceasefire Program launch services for the period of January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. Contracts for the provision of Ceasefire Program implementation services for FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 with Pittsburg Police Department were developed and approved. Program management is provided by the Office of the Reentry & Justice. Pittsburg Police Department has transferred the responsibility for program coordination and implementation services to Acting Lieutenant Cassandra Simental.

Over the past 15 years, numerous cities across the country have reduced relatively high rates of gang and youth gun violence through a strategy that brings together – and assigns specific roles to – stakeholders including criminal justice agencies, organizations that provide employment training and placement, social service agencies, community and faith leaders, and gang outreach programs. This strategy, based upon extensive research and experience, has evolved from a primary focus on deterring serious gang and youth gun violence, to a comprehensive approach that combines deterrence with workforce training, employment, and other social services; it is also known as "Group Violence Intervention. The Ceasefire program, which is a form of Group Violence Intervention (GVI), has been implemented in several cities throughout the country and the state, including Modesto, Stockton, Oakland, Salinas, Oxnard, Union City and Richmond.

GVI has demonstrated that violence can be dramatically reduced when a partnership of community members, law enforcement, and social service providers directly engages with the small and active number of people involved in street groups and clearly communicates a credible moral message against violence, prior notice about the consequences of further violence, and a genuine offer of help for those who want it. A central method of communication is the call-in, a face-to-face meeting between group members and the strategy's partners. The aim of the GVI strategy is to reduce peer dynamics in the group that promote violence by creating collective accountability, to foster internal social pressure that deters violence, to establish clear community standards against violence, to offer group members an "honorable exit" from committing acts of violence, and to provide a supported path for those who want to change.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The City of Pittsburgh, Police Department will be unable to provide Ceasefire program services.