



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Date: September 24, 2019

Subject: Establish the class of Deputy Public Defender-Fixed Term Project and add one full-time position

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Position Adjustment No. 22507 to establish the class of Deputy Public Defender-Fixed Term-Project (25W3) (represented); allocate on the salary schedule at salary plan and grade JDX 2197 (\$8,107-\$8,715) and add one (1) full-time Deputy Public Defender-Fixed Term-Project (25W3) (represented) position in the Office of the Public Defender.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated total annual County cost is approximately \$141,075; total this fiscal year is approximately \$105,807. 100% funding source for this position is the Youthful Offender Block Grant/Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (YOBG/JJCPA) state funding which is administered through the Contra Costa Probation Department.

BACKGROUND:

In 2001, the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) was created by passage of California's Crime Prevention Act of 2000 to provide a stable funding source for local juvenile justice programs aimed at curbing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth. Contra Costa County has historically used, and continues to use, this funding for programs

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/24/2019** ☒ 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: September 24, 2019

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

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that have been previously shown to have promising/positive outcomes including support for Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs)

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

in high schools throughout the County, DPOs that work from local police departments, aftercare DPOs at Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitative Facility, and the provision of Functional Family Therapy.

The Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) was enacted in 2007 as part of the state's decision to transfer to local Probation Departments the responsibility to care for youth who were no longer eligible to be committed to the state's Department of Juvenile Justice. Allocations from the YOBG are used to enhance the capacity of county probation, mental health, drug and alcohol, and other county departments to provide appropriate rehabilitative and supervision services to youthful offenders.

The Deputy Public Defender-Fixed Term Project position will provide holistic legal services to youth impacted by the juvenile justice system. The attorney selected for this position will act as the Public Defender's Juvenile Education Advocate/Re-entry Attorney and provide holistic, civil legal services to youth impacted by the juvenile justice system to improve their educational outcomes, decrease youth homelessness, increase access to medical and mental health care, and increase employment opportunities. This position will be funded by the YOBG/JJCPA which is administered through the Contra Costa Probation Department.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this action is not approved, the project could not proceed and juvenile clients of the Office of the Public Defender will not receive necessary education advocacy services and other holistic legal services.

ATTACHMENTS

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