



Contra
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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Date: November 5, 2019

Subject: Add one (1) full-time Deputy Public Defender-Fixed Term position in the Office of the Public Defender

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Position Adjustment No. 22544 to add one (1) full-time Deputy Public Defender-Fixed Term (25WB) (represented) position at Salary Plan and Grade JDX 2197 (\$8,107 - \$8,715) and cancel one (1) vacant Deputy Public Defender-Fixed Term - Project (25W3) (represented) position number 17868 at Salary Plan and Grade JDX 2197 (\$8,107 - \$8,715) in the Office of the Public Defender.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated total annual cost is approximately \$141,079; total this fiscal year is approximately \$94,053. 100% funding source for this position is from 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 with the passage of the Crime Prevention Act of 2000 which provided stable funding sources for local juvenile justice programs aimed at curbing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth. Contra Costa County uses this funding for programs shown to have promising and positive outcomes,

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **11/05/2019** ☒ 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: November 5, 2019

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

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

including support for Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) in high schools, DPOs that work from local police departments, aftercare DPOs at the Orin Allen Youth Rehabilitative facility, and the provision of Functional Family Therapy.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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. YOBG allocations are used to enhance the capacity of County departments, including the Probation Department, to provide appropriate rehabilitative and supervision services to youthful offenders.

The incumbent Deputy Public Defender will act as the Public Defender's Juvenile Education Advocate/Re-entry Attorney and provide holistic legal services to youth impacted by the juvenile justice system. This Deputy Public Defender will work to improve their educational outcomes, decrease youth homelessness, increase access to medical and mental health care, and increase employment opportunities. This position will be fully 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 funding would not be received, and juvenile clients of the Office of the Public Defender will not receive education advocacy services and other holistic legal services.

ATTACHMENTS

P300 No. 22544