



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Robin Lipetzky, Public Defender
Date: September 22, 2020

Subject: APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Defender, or designee, to execute a contract amendment/extension contract with Rubicon Programs, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Defender, or designee, to execute an amendment with Rubicon Programs, Inc. to extend the term from September 30, 2020 through September 30, 2021 and increase the payment limit by \$271,425 to a new payment limit of \$367,532, to provide client services in Contra Costa County for Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) participants.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% California State Board of Community Corrections

BACKGROUND:

The Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) program is an innovative holistic defense program funded by a three-year \$3 million Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the California State Board of Community Corrections (BSCC). Contra Costa is one of only two Public Defender Offices in the state to receive a JAG grant as part of a total \$16.2 million in JAG funding awarded by BSCC to criminal justice programs around the state. Holistic defense is an innovative client-centered, interdisciplinary model that looks beyond a criminal defendant's legal needs and engages both criminal and civil

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/22/2020** ☒ 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 22, 2020

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

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attorneys, as well as social workers and non-lawyer specialists,

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

to assist with underlying issues such as unstable housing, substance use disorders, immigration, public benefits, and other issues commonly affecting individuals with law enforcement contact.

HIP goals are to:

1. Reduce the financial and human resource burden of misdemeanor cases on law enforcement, the justice system, and the community;
2. Reduce future criminal justice system involvement among program participants;
3. Establish early coordination, collaboration and linkages across system partners to better serve indigent individuals involved in the criminal justice system

The Contra Costa Public Defender's Office is partnering with: Contra Costa County Health, Housing, and Homeless Services; Behavioral Health Services; Employment and Human Services; California Highway Patrol; and Antioch, Martinez, and Richmond Police Departments. HIP's community-based programs include: Rubicon Programs and Uptrust, a technology company that enables text communication services for low-income individuals navigating the criminal justice system.

This proposed amendment/extension is to provide services to HIP participants in Central and East Contra Costa County in addition to West Contra Costa County for the second year of this three-year project.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Valuable services to HIP participants will not be provided resulting in possible increased cost to law enforcement, justice system, and the community.