



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Ellen McDonnell, Interim Public Defender
Date: September 7, 2021

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

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Defender, or designee, to execute a contract with Rubicon Programs, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$305,700, to provide client services in Contra Costa County for Holistic Intervention Partnership participants for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% California Board of State and Community Corrections.

BACKGROUND:

The Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) is an innovative holistic defense program funded by a three-year \$3 million Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). Contra Costa is one of only two Public Defenders Office in the state to receive a JAG grant as part of a total \$16.2 million in JAG funding awarded by BSCC to criminal and civil attorneys, as well as social workers and non-lawyer specialists, 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.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **09/07/2021** ☒ 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 7, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

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 systems.

The Contra Costa Public Defender's Office is partnering with Contra Costa County Health, Housing, and Homeless Services; Behavior 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.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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