



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Esa Ehmen-Krause, County Probation Officer  
Date: April 12, 2022

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court for Pretrial Services

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the County Probation Officer, or designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Superior Court of California - County of Contra Costa County to pay the County an amount not to exceed \$4,597,155 to facilitate the expansion of Pretrial Services per Senate Bill 129, for the period of December 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, with automatic annual renewals.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Approval of this Memorandum of Understanding will result in a total payment to the County not to exceed \$4,497,155. (100% State; No County Match)

**BACKGROUND:**

California Senate Bill 129, Budget Act of 2021 allocated funding to every Superior Court in California to support judicial officers in making pretrial release decisions that impose the least restrictive conditions, to address public safety and return to court, and to implement appropriate monitoring practices and provision of services for released individuals. The funds are available for three fiscal years, until June 30, 2024. Courts are required to contract with any County Department, including Probation, to provide pretrial services, except those

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/12/2022** ☒ 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: April 12, 2022

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

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

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departments or agencies that have primary responsibility for making arrests or prosecuting criminal offenses. In Contra Costa County, pretrial services are provided by the Probation Department. The Department plans to use these funds to expand the Pretrial Services program to practice and promote safe, efficient, fair and timely release of clients booked into County jail.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Three Deputy Probation Officers and a Supervising Deputy Probation Officer were added to enhance pretrial services in Contra Costa County. This was intended to increase Probation's ability to provide reports to the Court in a timely manner, and broaden the number of eligible candidates to be released from a custodial setting back into the community. These positions will also improve Probation's ability to connect individuals with supportive community based services to potentially reduce their involvement in the justice system.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If unapproved, Probation will be unable to expand the existing Pretrial Services program.