



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Ellen McDonnell, Public Defender
Date: June 21, 2022

Subject: Add one (1) Client Services Specialist to the Public Defender's Office

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ADOPT Position Adjustment No. 25968 to add one (1) Public Defender Client Services Specialist (26SC) (represented) position at Salary Plan and Grade QV5 1521 (\$6,110.63 - \$7,427.51) in the Public Defender's Office for the Youth Early Intervention Partnership (YIEP).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon approval, this action will result in an annual cost of \$141,612. This cost will be 100% funded by the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act/Youthful Offender Block Grant (JJCPA/YOBG) state funding, which is administered by the Contra Costa Probation Department.

BACKGROUND:

The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) provides state funding for counties to implement programs that have proven effective in reducing crime and delinquency among at-risk youth. The Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) provides state funding for counties to deliver custody and care for youth who were no longer eligible to be committed to the state's Department of Juvenile Justice. Allocations from this funding are used to

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD

ADMINISTRATOR

COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/21/2022** ☒ 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: June 21, 2022

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

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By: June McHuen, Deputy

cc:

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.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

In FY 2021-22, with the support of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the county launched a new, innovative program called the Youth Early Intervention Partnership (YEIP) funded by the JJCPA/YOBG. YEIP is a public-private partnership between the Office of the Public Defender, multiple county agencies, and community-based partners. The objective of this Partnership is to provide community-based case management, legal advocacy and support, and service connection to youth who have had contact with law enforcement but who have not yet been formally charged with a crime. The program is designed to prevent or minimize system involvement for youth whose contact with law enforcement has not yet resulted in formal processing in the youth justice system.

The Client Services Specialist will assist the YEIP attorney in identifying the strengths and needs of the youth and facilitating connection to services and supports. This position will be funded by the JJCP/YOBG, which is administered through the Contra Costa Probation Department.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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

ATTACHMENTS

P300 No. 25968