



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Ellen McDonnell, Public Defender
Date: March 7, 2023

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 \$987,068 to provide civil legal and service navigation services for Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) participants, for the period March 1, 2023 through February 28, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% California State Board of Community Corrections.

BACKGROUND:

The Holistic Intervention Partnership (HIP) is an innovative holistic defense program funded by a three-year \$6 million Proposition 47 Grant Program (PROP 47) from the California Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC). PROP 47 was a voter-approved initiative on the November 2014 ballot that reduced from felonies to misdemeanors specified low-level drug and property crimes. Each year, the state savings generated by the implementation of PROP 47 are deposited into the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund. Sixty-five percent (65%) of these savings are set aside annually for the BSCC to administer a competitive grant program.

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY
ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD
COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **03/07/2023** ☒ 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
Ken Carlson, 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: March 7, 2023

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

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By: Laura Cassell, Deputy

cc:

HIP goals are to:

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BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

Collaboration between public defenders and law enforcement to reduce failures to appear for thousands of indigent people arrested on misdemeanor charges by providing immediate legal representation and procedural support.

- Address criminogenic needs and increase clients' diversion out of the criminal legal system.
- Increase HIP's caseload capacity to annually serve 300 indigent, mentally ill clients arrested on misdemeanors or "wobblers".
- Annually support 100 mentally ill and homeless or imminently homeless clients to obtain or retain appropriate housing, including supportive harm reduction housing.

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; Office of the District Attorney, Office of Reentry and Justice, Office of Education Contra Costa County, and Martinez Police Department. HIP's community-based programs include multi-disciplinary case coordination to identify and coordinate client needs and services.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Valuable services like civil legal or service navigation to HIP participants will not be provided resulting in possible increased cost to law enforcement, justice system, and the community.