

REPORT FROM

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Council District:

To: The Mayor
The Council

From: *Wanda Chavez*
for Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Transmittal from the Mayor dated November 17, 2023; Additional information received through November 30, 2023

Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF A \$450,000 JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT GRANT AWARD FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

1. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to:

- a. Accept the 2023-24 Justice Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (2023-24 JJCPA) Grant in the amount of \$450,000 from the County of Los Angeles Probation Department to support the Juvenile Re-Entry Partnership Program for provision of re-entry services to youth exiting County Probation camps and returning to communities within the City, for the performance period from January 1 through June 30, 2024;
- b. Submit any other necessary agreements and documents relative to the implementation of this program, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality; and
- c. Negotiate and execute sole-source contracts with the following five (5) community-based organizations to provide juvenile re-entry services, in conformance with the attached pro forma contract, for a six-month term effective from January 1 through June 30, 2024, subject to the review and approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality, compliance with the City's contracting requirements, and availability of funds:

Re-Entry Service Provider	LAPD Division	Allocation Amount
El Centro del Pueblo	Central	\$ 56,000
Homeboy Industries	Central	71,000

New Directions Youth and Family Services	Valley	108,000
Soledad Enrichment Action	South	157,000
Watts Labor Community Action Committee	South	58,000
	Total	\$ 450,000

2. Request the Controller to:

- a. Establish a new interest bearing fund entitled “2023-24 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (2023-24 JJCPA) Grant Fund” No. XXX/46, for the receipt and disbursement of the 2023-24 JJCPA grant funds, to be administered by the Mayor’s Office; and
- b. Establish a new appropriation Account No. 46Y304, Contractual Services in the 2023-24 JJCPA Grant Fund No. XXX/46 and appropriate \$450,000 to the new account.

3. Approve, and request the Controller to process, a Reserve Fund Loan in the amount of \$225,000 for cash flow purposes, to be repaid upon receipt of final reimbursement of the 2023-24 JJCPA Grant funds.

4. Authorize the Mayor, or designee, to prepare Controller instructions for any necessary technical adjustments consistent with the Mayor and Council actions on the matter, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and request the Controller to implement the instructions.

SUMMARY

The Mayor’s Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) requests authority to accept the 2023-24 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (2023-24 JJCPA) Grant award in the amount of \$450,000 from the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (County Probation) to support the GRYD and County Probation Juvenile Re-Entry Partnership Program (Re-Entry Program). The Re-Entry Program provides juvenile re-entry services to youth exiting the County Probation camps and returning to their communities in the City. There is no match requirement for this grant. On September 25, 2023, a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed with County Probation for a grant award in the amount of \$1,891,019 for a six-month performance period, effective from January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. Subsequent to the execution of the MOU, the County informed the City that the grant allocation was reduced by \$1,441,019 due to unanticipated 2022-23 invoices. GRYD is working with County Probation to obtain a revised budget reflecting the reduced grant amount of \$450,000. The entire grant amount will be allocated to contracts with five (5) community-based organizations (CBO). GRYD requests a \$450,000 Reserve Fund Loan to front fund the Re-Entry Program.

Background

Established in Fiscal Year 2014-15, the Re-Entry Program was initially funded by federal grants, but funding reductions in subsequent years resulted in a General Fund subsidy to finance the majority of program costs. The Re-Entry Program was suspended in 2018-19 due to lack of funds. The Re-Entry Program was restored in 2019-20 with a \$1.0 million grant award and a shortened performance period from January 22, 2020 through June 30, 2020. Subsequently, County Probation and GRYD agreed to an extension through June 30, 2021 and continued renewing the partnership in 2021-22 and 2022-23. The new MOU between County Probation and GRYD continues the partnership in 2023-24, pending approval of the acceptance of the grant award.

The purpose of the Re-Entry Program is to provide the juvenile re-entry population with services designed to increase pro-social behavior, decrease gang identity and violence, and assist with a successful re-entry into their communities. Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) coordinate aftercare services and referrals to the Re-Entry Program for juveniles exiting probation camps. A City-designated re-entry provider assesses the referral for eligibility and enrollment. Once enrolled, the juveniles and their family members receive family case management services. GRYD staff, re-entry contractors, and DPOs work together to ensure that youth participate and successfully complete the Re-Entry Program.

Program goals include:

- Reduction of youth gang identity, involvement in violence, and recidivism.
- Refocus youth attachment to positive activities and pro-social connections.
- Reunify youth with family and reintegrate youth into the home environment.

2023-24 Re-Entry Program

The entire \$450,000 grant award will be utilized for contractual services for juvenile re-entry services. Five CBOs will deliver aftercare services to youth exiting County Probation Camps and re-entering communities within the City. GRYD issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in December 2019 to solicit re-entry providers within the Los Angeles Police Department South, Central, and Valley Bureaus. The RFP process resulted in the selection of the following five CBOs: El Centro del Pueblo, Homeboy Industries, New Directions Youth and Family Services, Soledad Enrichment Action, and Watts Labor Community Action Committee. GRYD is now requesting to enter into sole-source contracts with these five (5) CBOs to continue implementation of the Re-Entry Program from January 1 through June 30, 2024. The City Attorney has determined the sole-source contracts to be appropriate as these CBOs have professional expertise and previous experience in the delivery of re-entry services for the City. GRYD intends to conduct a new procurement process this fiscal year.

Reserve Fund Loan Request

GRYD requests a \$450,000 Reserve Fund Loan to facilitate cash flow and immediate disbursement of funds to service providers for program-related activities associated with the Re-Entry Program implementation. County Probation administers the JJCPA Grant Program on a reimbursement basis only, requiring grant recipients to front-fund expenditures. The Mayor's Office will submit requests for reimbursement on a quarterly basis, as allowed by the grantor, to facilitate repayment of the Reserve Fund Loan, with full repayment upon grant closeout and final reimbursement from the grantor. An outstanding Reserve Fund Loan of \$750,000 is anticipated to be repaid by January 31, 2024, pending final reimbursement from the grantor. Based on the anticipated monthly expenditures and timing of grant reimbursements, this Office recommends approval of a \$225,000 Reserve Fund Loan.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed Reserve Fund Loan of \$225,000 will be used to front fund grant expenditures and is anticipated to be repaid upon final reimbursement of the JJCPA Re-Entry Program Grant funds. This loan is fully reimbursable by the grant and repayment will begin prior to the end of the grant period.

FINANCIAL POLICIES STATEMENT

The recommendations in this report are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized for grant-eligible activities.

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