

**MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY SERVICES
COUNTY OF PLACER**

To: **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Date: **OCTOBER 8, 2013**

From: **MARY DIETRICH / ROB UNHOLZ**

Subject: **COMMUNITY TRANSITION CENTER**

ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the attached Budget Revision establishing a new Capital Project No. 4915 for the Community Transition Center Tenant Improvements at Building B, located in the Bill Santucci Justice Center, in the amount of \$350,000 from CEO Contributions to Public Safety and \$50,000 from CEO Criminal Justice, respectively, to the Capital Projects Fund with no net county cost.

BACKGROUND: The Community Transition Center (CTC) Tenant Improvements are proposed to be designed and constructed in a 1,983 square foot area in Building B at the Bill Santucci Justice Center (BSJC), adjacent to the existing Probation Department occupancy. The CTC will connect to the existing Probation space and will have a dedicated exterior entrance, separate from the main building circulation. These improvements will be designed by MFDB Architects, who are currently designing tenant improvements in Building B for the Assessor and the District Attorney. These improvements are proposed to be constructed utilizing Job Order Contracting with completion by Spring 2014.

The Probation CTC will provide a single point of entry, assessment and linkage to comprehensive reentry services for ex-offenders in Placer County. Assisting ex-offenders with community re-integration after incarceration is an evidence-based practice shown to reduce recidivism and increase public safety and is considered a key component in a comprehensive corrections continuum. Data from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) shows that most offenders do not achieve successful community reintegration as two-thirds (67.5%) of individuals released from incarceration are rearrested within three years, with more than half ultimately being re-incarcerated. Studies have also shown that the risk for recidivism is highest during the first few months after release as ex-offenders face significant challenges including reuniting with family, finding jobs and housing, remaining substance-free and avoiding high-risk situations that can trigger relapse and recidivism.

County Justice System Master Plan consultants, David Bennett and Donna Lattin, have identified the lack of structured re-entry services as a gap in Placer County's continuum, and have recommended development of these services in their preliminary findings (Attachment). Over the next six months, Probation will continue to work with the consultants to inventory existing services, review data from the Justice System Master Plan and work with other county and community partners to develop specific re-entry services specific to our local population. These services are anticipated to be primarily funded through census-based education revenues, self-paid by offenders, or covered through existing or expanded service-contracts. Probation staff will return to your Board, prior to completion of the tenant improvements, with a comprehensive program funding plan.

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Programs offered will be evidence-based and recommended by the consultants as demonstrating success in other jurisdictions. Probation Officers will develop specific, individualized case plans based on risk and needs assessments that address issues of housing, employment, education, restitution, treatment, and re-establishing family and other pro-social community connections that will improve the likelihood of success. The ultimate goal is to eventually provide re-entry planning for all offenders as they leave formal supervision or transition from jail back into the community.

In order to proceed, it is requested that your Board approve the attached Budget Revision establishing a new Capital Project No. 4915 for the Community Transition Center Tenant Improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE: This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301, Class 1 - that provides for operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing structures or facilities that does not result in an expansion of use.

FISCAL IMPACT: The total project cost is estimated to be \$400,000, including \$365,000 for construction, furnishings and contingency and \$35,000 for design and project management. The attached Budget Revision is required to appropriate \$350,000 from CEO Contributions to Public Safety and \$50,000 from CEO Criminal Justice, respectively, to the Capital Projects Fund with no net county cost.

ATTACHMENT: BUDGET REVISION
DAVID BENNETT CONSULTING MEMORANDUM

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Facility Service to do journal to transfer cash

BUDGET REVISION

POST DATE:

DEPT NO.	DOC TYPE	Total \$ Amount	TOTAL LINES
12	BR	1,200,000.00	4

Cash Transfer Required

Reserve Cancellation Required

Establish Reserve Required

Auditor-Controller

County Executive

Board of Supervisors

ESTIMATED REVENUE ADJUSTMENT

APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT	DEPT NO.	T/C	Rev	Fund	Sub Fund	OCA	PCA	OBJ 3	PROJ.	PROJ. DTL	AMOUNT
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TOTAL										400,000.00	TOTAL										800,000.00

REASON FOR REVISION: TO APPROPRIATE EXPENDITURES AND OFF-SETTING REVENUES IN THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE COMMUNITY TRANSITION CENTER TENANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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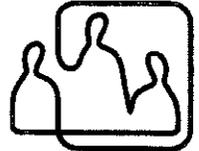
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**David
Bennett
Consulting**
Thinking Outside the Cell

Memorandum

To: Bekki Riggan, Principal Management Analyst

From: David M. Bennett, Consultant

Date: 29 August 2013

Re: Re-Entry

We support the proposal to expand re-entry services in Placer County. Re-entry services are an essential component of a comprehensive corrections continuum. A structured return to the community after incarceration can reduce future crime and better protect victims. Given the longer jail sentences being served under Realignment, the need for re-entry services is all the more critical. Funding re-entry services is a good investment in public safety.

The Placer County Probation Department, under the direction of Marshall Hopper, has a good understanding of the evidence-based practices needed to support a successful re-entry effort. Their use of risk assessment tools and the provision of in-house cognitive programming show their commitment to offender change. They have also demonstrated innovation in the development of a group intake process to offer offender's swift referrals and a clear message about compliance. This kind of clear and consistent message is the starting point for any successful offender intervention.

A consistent system message and a coordinated system response are prerequisites for any successful re-entry initiative. As your system consultants we are in the process of collecting system data to help frame these issues.

Successful re-entry programs do not start at the point of release, they start at the point of incarceration. Successful programs have a full continuum of custody-to-community services; employ risk & needs tools in jail and in the community to target the higher risk offender; and utilize evidence-based programs to effect change. There is work to be done in Placer County to help strengthen efforts across the continuum. Successful re-entry programs have step-down components that allow inmates to earn an early release; and they have clear sanction policies for violations and the one empty bed' available to hold offenders accountable for non-compliance. These issues will be addressed as part of the Master Plan report. Successful re-entry programs are based on individualized plans that address issues of restitution, employment, treatment, and stability and family support.

The premise of successful re-entry programs is that all parts of the system are players. We support the proposed re-entry initiative with the understanding that it will be part of a larger system discussion.