



MEMORANDUM PROBATION DEPARTMENT

County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 23, 2020

FROM: Marshall Hopper, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: PREP Counseling and Educational Services | Contract with Sacramento County Office of Education

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve and authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign the renewal of a negotiated agreement with Sacramento County Office of Education for counseling and educational services in the maximum amount of \$800,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Funding is included in the Probation Department FY 2020-21 Requested Budget.
2. Approve the option to renew the resulting agreement for one additional one-year term with a renewal amount not to exceed 10 percent in aggregate of the maximum amount, and authorize the Purchasing Manager to sign all required documents subject to County Counsel and Risk Management approvals, as well as departmental concurrence and available funding.

BACKGROUND

On February 24, 2015 the Board of Supervisors approved the award of Request for Proposal 10352 to Sacramento County Office of Education, for the period of March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms. The agreement has been renewed annually for each of the two renewal periods. On June 26, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved a new contract for the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, with the option to renew for one additional one-year term. The agreement was renewed last year for the one authorized renewal. The current agreement expires on June 30, 2020.

Over the past several years, California's state and local criminal justice agencies have faced significant challenges including facility overcrowding, high recidivism rates and major budget shortfalls. Public Safety Realignment, enacted on October 2011 through California Assembly Bills 109 and 117, solved many of the state's challenges by "realigning" responsibility for lower-level, prison-eligible felons to the counties. These historic policy shifts caused significant impacts to local justice systems, many of which were already operating at or exceeding existing capacity. System impacts are attributable not only to the net increase in the number of felony offenders now under county responsibility, but also to the higher risk and need profiles of these "realigned" offenders.

Placer County's AB109 implementation plan, developed by the Community Corrections Partnership and approved by your Board on January 10, 2012, provided for the safe and effective implementation of these new county responsibilities. In collaboration with the Superior Court, Placer County public safety officials undertook a comprehensive, inter-agency justice system master planning process. Included in the plan findings was a call for expanded jail treatment and vocational options and the development of a re-entry program for offenders. The Probation Department, working in conjunction with staff from the County Executive Office began work to address these identified needs.

To meet these needs, the Probation Department requires a firm to provide offenders, both in and out of custody, a continuum of intervention services to address adjusting criminal thinking and behavior through evidence based practices. Interventions provided should include some combination of the following: Cognitive Behavioral Thinking classes, Substance Abuse education, Education, Job Training, Mentorship and Employment Placement. Educational programming such as Motivational Enhancement for Change, Life Skills, G.E.D. preparation, Anger Management, Relational and Family skills, etc. are also necessary for offenders to learn necessary skills for success. These services will be implemented in and out of custody

with the use of the PREP (Placer Re-Entry Program) as an offender re-entry center, as well as with the use of facilities associated with the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility and the Auburn Adult Correctional Facility.

Originally providing services through one facility in Roseville, SCOE now provides services through three facilities (Roseville, Auburn and Tahoe Vista). Additionally, SCOE has collaborated with other agencies to maximize available services while containing costs to the greatest extent possible. In anticipation of budget challenges in the coming year, SCOE has developed collaborative relationships with Nevada County Probation, which will allow Placer County Probation to continue services at FY20 levels in FY21, while reducing the maximum authorized expenditure by about 6%, or \$50,000.

Per Purchasing Policy Manual Section 2.1(b), the requested renewal amount of \$800,000 exceeds the Purchasing Manager's authority. Therefore, your Board's approval is required to proceed with the award of the agreement with Sacramento County of Education in the maximum amount of \$800,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Probation Department has sufficient funds in the FY 2020–21 Requested Budget to support these annual requirements. Funds are not expended until services are made against the agreement.

cc: Chris Artim, Senior Administrative Services Officer – Probation Department
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