



DATE: June 4, 2019

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Authorization for the City Manager to Execute a Three-year Agreement with the Alameda County Probation Department for Delinquency Prevention Network (Local Service Center) Services Provided by the Hayward Police Department's Youth and Family Services Bureau and Appropriation of \$237,500 Annually, for a Total of \$712,500

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached resolution: 1) authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-year agreement with the Alameda County Probation Department for Delinquency Prevention Network (Local Service Center) services and 2) accepting and appropriating \$237,500 annually in payment for the provision of delinquency prevention services, for a total of \$712,500.

SUMMARY

The City's Youth and Family Services Bureau (YFSB) has secured an additional \$237,500 annually from the Alameda County Probation Department for a three-year period (March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022) to improve and expand the services offered by YFSB that include Diversion, Life Skills, and Restorative Justice Services. Staff requests Council authorization for the City Manager to negotiate and execute a three-year contract with the County and appropriate related funds. There is no General Fund impact with the approval of this item.

BACKGROUND

The Hayward Police Department's Youth and Family Services Bureau (YFSB) has had an annual contract with the Alameda County Probation Department to provide delinquency prevention services since the 1970s. These services are intended to identify youth and families at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system and provide services and supports to help prevent this involvement, as well as prevent recidivism for youth who are already system involved.

Since 2016, the Probation Department has been evaluating its procurement and contracting process and restructuring its Delinquency Prevention Network (DPN) of providers, of which

the City has long been a participant. Related to this process, additional funds were allocated to the DPN.

In April 2018, the Alameda County Probation Department released a new Request for Proposals (RFP) for these additional Delinquency Prevention Network (DPN) Local Service Center services (DPN-LSC). In response, the City submitted a proposal for \$237,500 annually to provide Diversion, Life Skills, and Restorative Justice services to 115 youth involved in the justice system or at high risk for involvement. The proposed services are closely aligned with those already provided by the City's YFSB and this additional funding will offer an opportunity to enhance the City's existing services and close identified gaps in services offered to the Hayward community.

On November 20, 2018, the City received a Notice of Intent to Award funding. On December 18, 2018, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved the award, pending successful contract negotiations.

On May 10, 2019, the City received the Standard Services Agreement from the County, specifying a three-year contract award (March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022) for \$712,500 in total funding.

DISCUSSION

Providing alternatives to youth involvement in the juvenile justice system is a critical issue locally and nationally. The literature shows that more restrictive juvenile justice interventions such as youth incarceration contribute to poorer outcomes and increased rates of recidivism. Conversely, offering alternatives such as service coordination/case management, life skills training, diversion, restorative justice, and educational advocacy not only reduces recidivism but also leads to better outcomes for youth and families overall. The execution of this agreement and the acceptance of the associated funding will allow YFSB to continue to play a crucial role in keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and contributing to the overall safety and wellbeing of Hayward families. Further, the Hayward Police Department's progressive approach to serving the community by providing services like those offered by YFSB contributes to positive police-community relationships and the overall strength of our City.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Execution of the proposed agreement will support the YFSB's overarching strategy to reduce and prevent juvenile involvement in the justice system by providing services that encourage success and increase access to positive opportunities and support. Keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system contributes to the overall safety and well-being of Hayward families, which in turn has a positive economic impact. Improving family functioning and facilitating school success supports youth and families to lead productive and healthy lives, which can only strengthen our local economy and improve every aspect of it.

FISCAL IMPACT

On January 22, 2019, Council approved the appropriation and award of contract obligations to provide the service to meet deliverables included in the agreement. The City will receive \$237,500 in annual revenue from this agreement and funds from the Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program will cover costs associated with the change in staffing without additional impact to the General Fund.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This agenda item supports the Complete Communities Strategic Initiative. The purpose of the Complete Communities initiative is to create and support structures, services and amenities to provide inclusive and equitable access with the goal of becoming a thriving and promising place to live, work and play for all. This item supports the following goal and objectives:

Goal 1: Improve quality of life for residents, business owners, and community members in all Hayward neighborhoods.

Objective 1: Increase neighborhood safety and cohesion

Objective 4: Create resilient and sustainable neighborhoods

NEXT STEPS

If the Council authorizes this action, staff will (1) work to execute the agreement with the Probation Department to provide Delinquency Prevention Network (Local Service Center) services for a three-year period from March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2022 and (2) accept and appropriate related funds.

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