

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: MAGALI TELLES, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT  
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ANALYST  
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MOU WITH THE COUNTY OF  
SONOMA PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR  
EXTENSION OF THE  
VIOLENCE PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP'S GUIDING PEOPLE  
SUCCESSFULLY PROGRAM

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Office of Community Engagement that the Council, by resolution, approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sonoma County Probation for extension of the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership's Guiding People Successfully Program, beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, and authorize the City Manager or designee to approve and execute any amendments thereto, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Guiding People Successfully Program (GPS), administered by the Office of Community Engagement's Violence Prevention Partnership (The Partnership), provides a coordinated approach to identifying youth who are at risk of gang involvement, and connecting them to a network of services designed to identify alternatives and redirect behavior.

The California Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) initially funded the GPS Program from January 2015 to December 2017, which included funding of a Limited Term Community Outreach Specialist (Wraparound Coordinator). With support of the Measure O Citizen Oversight Committee, on August 8, 2017 the City Council approved use of Measure O funds to support the position from January 1 through June 30, 2018 to allow time for staff to identify an alternative funding source.

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The County of Sonoma's Department of Probation has been an active member of The Partnership's Operational Team and Multi-Disciplinary Assessment and Referral Team (MDART), and experienced firsthand the value of the GPS Program. Sonoma County Probations has committed to fund the current program model and staffing level for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. That agreement has been formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the amount of \$125,000 that is before City Council today. This MOU will provide full funding for the Wraparound Coordinator's salary and benefits.

This item supports City Council's Goal Seven, Public Safety Priorities to provide for community safety. This item also supports City Council's Goal Eight, Organizational Diversity, Inclusion and Equity by providing valued City services and coaching and mentoring to at-risk youth.

### BACKGROUND

The BSCC's California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention (CalGRIP) grant moved The Partnership forward by introducing an integrated Positive Youth Justice (PYJ) developmental framework called GPS. The Partnership instituted a model referred to as "wraparound" service delivery – an approach that combines case management, mental health counseling, work readiness, paid internships, as well as a multidisciplinary team approach for intense case reviews of all incoming referrals from law enforcement, school districts and community-based organizations.

The core elements of the GPS program are (1) centralized intake; (2) referrals to community-based organizations, including all Measure O Community Helping Our Indispensable Children Excel (CHOICE) Grantees, who provide a variety of social services including prevention and intervention services to youth and families by creating safe and healthy communities; (3) case management through a monthly meeting of the MDART; and (4) use of Apricot's data management system to track outcomes and facilitate shared assessments.

### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On June 5, 2018, The City Council, by Resolution No. 2018-087, approved an MOU with the County of Sonoma, Probation, for extension of the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership's Guiding People Successfully Program, beginning July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, and authorize the City Manager or designee to approve and execute any amendments thereto, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

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ANALYSIS

The MOU provides funding from the County of Sonoma's Department of Probation to the Office of Community Engagement in the amount of \$125,000 beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, for salary and benefits for 1.0 Wraparound Coordinator.

FISCAL IMPACT

Execution of this Memorandum of Understanding will provide reimbursement revenue of \$125,000 to offset the cost of continuing the GPS Program through June 2022.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and that no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution / Exhibit A - Memorandum of Understanding Between Sonoma County Probation Department and City of Santa Rosa Regarding Guiding People Successfully Program

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