

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JASON CARTER, VIOLENCE PREVENTION MANAGER
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT
SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A 2019 YOUTH
REINVESTMENT GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO AND
APPROVAL OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF
STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Community Development and Engagement Portfolio, that the Council, by resolution, 1) authorize the submission of the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant application to the Board of State and Community Corrections in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the award period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023, 2) approve a Grant Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections in a form approved by the City Attorney, 3) commit to satisfy matching fund requirements, and 4) delegate authority to the Assistant City Manager or their designee to submit the application and execute the Grant Agreement and any amendments that are in a form approved by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff requests authorization to submit a grant application to the Board of State and Community Correction's (BSCC) 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) Program and granting authority to the Assistant City Manager or Designee to serve as Authorized Officer on the application. Staff also recommends that the Council approve a Grant Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections and any necessary amendments, both in a form approved by the City Attorney and that the Council delegate authority to the Assistant City Manager over the Community Programs and Engagement Division or their designee for execution. The Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership (The Partnership) seeks to continue the Guiding People Successfully (GPS) Referral Component to divert youth who are at-risk of juvenile justice involvement from initial contact with the juvenile justice system using approaches that are evidence-based, culturally relevant, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate. Grant funds may also be used to prevent further involvement for those youth who have already experienced initial contact with the juvenile justice system.

The YRG Program directly fulfills Council Goal 6: Provide for Community Safety, Valued City Services and Open Government. The grant award funds programming that enhances the ability of The Partnership to identify the needs of our youth, provide mental health services, workforce development opportunities, and case management and mentoring through street outreach and mediation to reduce arrest, incarceration, and formal involvement with the juvenile justice system.

BACKGROUND

The Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) program was originally established in the 2018 Budget Act (Senate Bill 840, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2018) and the related trailer bill (Assembly Bill 1812, Chapter 36, Statutes of 2018). As recently amended by AB1454 (Chapter 584, Statutes of 2019), the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant program is aimed at diverting youth who are at risk of juvenile justice involvement from initial contact with the juvenile justice system using approaches that are evidence-based, culturally relevant, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate. Funds may also be used to prevent further involvement in the juvenile justice system for those youth who have already experienced initial contact.

Total funding for the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant Program is \$11,808,818 over the course of the grant term, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. The maximum allowable grant amount is \$2,000,000 for the three-year period, with the requirement that a pass through of 90% of awarded funds be distributed to non-profit community-based organizations (interchangeably referred to in this document as CBO's).

As part of the Request for Proposals process, CBO's that receive these funds must deliver services in underserved communities with high rates of youth arrests. The diversion services and alternatives to arrest, incarceration, and formal involvement with the juvenile justice system must also include one or more of the following components: educational services, including academic and vocational services; mentoring services; behavioral health services; and mental health services.

Grant award recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports to the BSCC, a critical element in BSCC's monitoring and oversight process. Grantees who are unable to demonstrate that they are making sufficient progress toward project goals and objectives and that funds are being spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement could be subject to the withholding of funds. In addition to quarterly progress reports, projects selected for funding will be required to submit to the BSCC: (1) a Local Evaluation Plan (four months post-award) and, (2) a Local Evaluation Report (three months after the conclusion of the grant).

Should the City be successful with its application, The Partnership is proposing to contract with LPC Consulting Services, a previous evaluator of the Guiding People Successfully (GPS) Referral Component, to meet all BSCC evaluation and reporting requirements.

ANALYSIS

The Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership of the Community Development & Engagement Portfolio seeks authorization to submit a grant proposal in response to the BSCC 2019 YRG Request for Proposals, for \$2,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023 to continue the Guiding People Successfully (GPS) Referral Component.

Through previous BSCC funding, The Partnership's GPS Referral Component introduced an integrated Positive Youth Justice (PYJ) developmental framework and three additional evidence-based programs (e.g. *Tackling Tough Skills*™ provided by Social Advocates for Youth, *Motivational Interviewing* provided by the City of Santa Rosa, and *El Puente* provided by Lifeworks of Sonoma County). The Partnership also instituted wraparound service delivery, case management, work readiness, and a Multi-Disciplinary Assessment & Referral Team (MDART).

As part of the BSCC YRG 90% pass through stipulation, The City seeks to partner with the following sub-contracted CBO's for a total of \$1,800,000 over the course of the three-year term of the grant; and if awarded, the funding agreements would require Council approval.

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma-Marin for a three-year total of \$600,000 to deliver case management and mentoring through street outreach and mediation, in addition to administrative responsibilities; and
- Individuals Now doing business as Social Advocates for Youth for a three-year total of \$600,000 to deliver workforce development opportunities, in addition to administrative responsibilities; and
- Lifeworks of Sonoma County for a three-year total of \$600,000 to deliver bilingual mental health services, in addition to administrative responsibilities.

As part of the BSCC YRG 10% evaluation and staffing stipulation, the City seeks to contract with LPC Consulting Services for a three-year total of \$80,000 to fulfill the evaluation and reporting requirements of the grant. LPC has provided evaluation and reporting services for the GPS 2015-2017 BSCC CalGRIP and 2017-2019 BSCC CalVIP Grant Awards.

The 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant Program requires that applicants provide a 25 percent match, totaling \$500,000 over a three-year total, which may be met through cash or in-kind contributions, consisting of the following proposed sources of matching funds:

- Existing (2004) Measure O-funded staff time from The Partnership to assist the contracted evaluator with evaluation, reporting, processing payments to CBO's, and participating in multi-disciplinary meetings.

- Measure O CHOICE Cycle X Funded Agencies participating and collaborating with the referral network of the proposed GPS Referral Component.

FISCAL IMPACT

Council approval does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund or (2004) Measure O sales tax-related programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

CONTACT

Jason Carter, Violence Prevention Manager, jcarter@srcity.org, (707) 543-4321