

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: MAGALI TELLES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH
THE COUNTY OF SONOMA DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION
FOR EXTENSION OF THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION
PARTNERSHIP'S GUIDING PEOPLE SUCCESSFULLY
PROGRAM

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Office of Community Engagement that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sonoma Department of Probation for extension of the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership's Guiding People Successfully Program through June 30, 2025; 2) authorize the City Manager or designee to approve and execute any amendments thereto, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney; 3) increase appropriations by \$125,000; and 4) approve a limited term 1.0 Community Outreach Specialist for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since 2018, the County of Sonoma Department of Probation has partnered with the Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Partnership to fund the 1.0 FTE Limited Term Community Outreach Specialist (Wraparound Coordinator) to coordinate the Guiding People Successfully Program. Probation has committed to continue funding of the current program and staffing level for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The agreement has been formalized in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the amount of \$125,000 per fiscal year, totaling \$375,000. This MOU will provide full funding for the Wraparound Coordinator's salary and benefits. This item supports Council's Goal Seven, Public Safety Priorities and Reform to provide for community safety. This item also supports Council's Goal Eight, Organizational Diversity, Inclusion and Equity by providing valued City services, coaching and mentoring to at-risk youth.

BACKGROUND

The Guiding People Successfully (GPS) Program, administered by the Santa Rosa 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 Partnership uses the Positive Youth Justice framework as a model for implementing the wraparound service delivery approach to GPS.

The core elements of GPS are 1) centralized intake; 2) referrals to community-based organizations, including all Measure O (2004) Community Helping Our Indispensable Children Excel (CHOICE) grantees, who provide a variety of social services, including prevention and intervention services, and pro-social activities to youth and families by creating safe and healthy communities; 3) case management through a monthly meeting of the Multi-Disciplinary Assessment and Referral Team (MDART); and 4) use of a data management system to track outcomes and facilitate shared assessments.

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). On August 8, 2017, with support of the Measure O Citizen Oversight Committee, the 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.

The County of Sonoma's Department of Probation (Probation) has been an active member of The Partnership's Operational Team and MDART and has experienced firsthand the value of the GPS Program. In 2018, Probation committed to fund The Partnership's Wraparound Coordinator position for the period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, by executing a MOU with the Office of Community Engagement. Probation executed additional MOUs with the Office of Community Engagement to fund the Wraparound Coordinator position for the periods of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On June 5, 2018, the City Council, by Resolution No. 2018-087 approved the first MOU with the County of Sonoma Department of Probation for the term of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

On June 23, 2020, the City Council, by Resolution No. 2020-104 approved the extension of the 1.0 FTE Limited Term Community Outreach Specialist until June 30, 2021.

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On June 7, 2021, the City Council, by Resolution No. 2021-095 approved the MOU with the County of Sonoma Department of Probation for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

ANALYSIS

Probation has committed to fund the current GPS program and staffing level through June 30, 2025. The MOU will also relate back to the date the prior agreement expired, with the term beginning on July 1, 2022. The agreement has been formalized in a MOU in the amount of \$125,000 per fiscal year, totaling \$375,000. Execution of this MOU will provide full funding of salary and benefits for the Wraparound Coordinator position.

FISCAL IMPACT

Execution of this MOU will provide reimbursement revenue of \$125,000 per fiscal year to offset the cost of continuing the GPS Program, including staff salary and benefits, through June 30, 2025.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Council finds that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under 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)

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