

City of Sacramento

Legislation Text

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Title:

Board of State and Community Corrections - Youth Reinvestment Grant Award Agreements (2019-2023)

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Location: Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Recommendation:

Pass a Motion authorizing the City Manager, or the City Manager's designee, to execute agreements with The HAWK Institute for an amount not to exceed \$348,333, Another Choice Another Chance (ACAC) for an amount not to exceed \$148,834, and Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center for an amount not to exceed \$481,183, to implement the Lifeline program as stipulated in the Youth Reinvestment Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections.

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Presenter: None

Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Resolution 2019-0280
- 3-BSCCC Grant Award Contract
- 4-Agreement with The HAWK Institute
- 5-Agreement with Another Choice Another Chance
- 6-Agreement with Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) awarded the City's Office of Violence Prevention \$999,780 in grant funding. These funds will be used to increase social-emotional learning supports for students with serious behavioral infractions, as a means to deter

them from the juvenile justice system. The three components of the "Lifeline" program include: Mentoring, Mental Health Support, and Family Engagement.

The Lifeline program will serve at least 125 students in the Sacramento City Unified School District, ranging from grades 4 through 8.

The goals of the Lifeline program are the following:

- 1) To provide up to 18-months of wraparound services including social and emotional supports to all participants in the Lifeline program.
- 2) To decrease the disproportional suspension rates in the Sacramento school system.
- 3) To disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline in Sacramento.

The objectives of the Lifeline program are the following:

- 80% of enrolled participants will receive a comprehensive strength-based assessment, treatment plan, and supportive services including mentoring, mental health therapy, art enrichment and/or family support
- 80% of Lifeline participants will be involved in a Mentoring program
- 60% of Lifeline participants will experience a reduction of suspensions
- 80% of Lifeline participants will be diverted from entering or re-entering the juvenile justice system

Led and managed by the City of Sacramento's Office of Violence Prevention, the Lifeline program will partner with Success Academy, HAWK Institute, Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center, Another Choice Another Chance, Sacramento County Office of Education, Sacramento County Department of Children, Family and Adult Services, and the Sacramento County Probation Department. These agencies will be part of a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) to help determine the best ways of delivering services to these students and their families.

The grant period is for three years and eight months, beginning on July 1, 2019 and ending on February 28, 2023.

Policy Considerations: On July 23, 2019 City Council approved a resolution (2019-0280) to accept the funding from the California Board of State and Community Corrections Youth Reinvestment Grant in the amount of \$999,780.

The acceptance of the grant award is consistent with the Mayor's priorities to Invest in Our Youth and to Strengthen Public Safety. City Council Resolution 2019-0248 section 11 requires Council approval to accept grant funding if: 1) the grant award is equal to or greater than \$100,000; 2) the grant results in a change in the number of authorized FTE positions; and 3) matching funds are required from local resources.

Economic Impacts: Not applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability: None.

Commission/Committee Action: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: Success Academy, a community day school within the Sacramento City Unified School District, has the highest suspension rates for African American boys in the state of California. Additionally, 93% of Success Academy students are economically disadvantaged, and 95% live in households without a father. These students are also often the most disconnected from support programs and resources. Based on these facts, along with their academic and behavioral history, the students at Success Academy are at the highest risk of falling into the juvenile justice system if adequate support is not provided.

County juvenile data demonstrate that African American male arrests outnumber any other racial group and is nearly three times that of White males for both felony offenses and violent felony offenses. Nearly 58% of African American students in SCUSD were suspended for violent incidents.

The Lifeline program is designed to divert youth away from the juvenile justice system and to disrupt the multi-generational cycle of violence that is often rooted in historical trauma and disinvestment.

Financial Considerations: There are sufficient funds in the Youth Reinvestment Grant Project (G02001300) to fund the agreements. Funding was provided by the California Board of State and Community Corrections in the amount of \$999,780. There is no current or future impact to the General Fund. The total project cost will be spread out over a period of three years and eight months.

The Office of Violence Prevention will manage all activities related to the fiscal and program outcomes of the project. Per requirements of the BSCC RFP 90% of the grant awards must go to non-governmental organizations for the provision of diversion services to minors. Remaining grant funds will be used for grant administration, project coordination, and evaluation.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not applicable.