

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF)
INTEREST ACCRUED AND ANY ADDITIONAL INTEREST)
THAT MAY ACCRUE ON ADVANCED PUBLIC DEFENSE)
PILOT PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR ELIGIBLE)
PUBLIC DEFENSE PILOT PROGRAM COSTS)

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2021, Senate Bill 129, established the Public Defense Pilot Program and allocated funds for indigent defense providers, including public defenders, alternate defenders, and other qualifying entities providing indigent defense in eligible post-conviction criminal matters; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved the retroactive submittal of the County's Public Defense Pilot Program grant application to the Board of State and Community Corrections and authorized the County Administrative Officer to execute the grant award agreement for the period of March 1, 2022 through March 1, 2025, in the amount of \$1,204,165; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved Amendment No. 1 to the Public Defense Pilot Program Grant, increasing the grant maximum by \$1,185,405.69 to a total of \$2,389,570.69; and

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2025, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 25-013 accepting and authorizing the County Administrative Officer to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Public Defense Pilot Program Grant, extending the grant term to December 31, 2026, and increasing the grant amount by \$1,077,406 to a total of \$3,466,976.69; and

WHEREAS, the County received Public Defense Pilot Program grant funds in advance and has used those funds to pay eligible program costs; and

WHEREAS, while held by the County prior to expenditure, the advanced Public Defense Pilot Program grant funds accrued interest and may continue to accrue interest; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to use interest accrued and any additional interest that may accrue on advanced Public Defense Pilot Program grant funds for eligible Public Defense Pilot Program costs, subject to compliance with applicable grant requirements;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County to
2 use interest accrued and any additional interest that may accrue on advanced Public Defense Pilot
3 Program grant funds for eligible Public Defense Pilot Program costs, subject to compliance with
4 applicable grant requirements.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrative Officer, or designee, is authorized
6 to take administrative actions necessary to apply the interest accrued and any additional interest that
7 may accrue toward eligible Public Defense Pilot Program costs, including coordinating with the Auditor-
8 Controller/Treasurer-Tax Collector to account for and use the interest consistent with applicable grant
9 and County requirements.

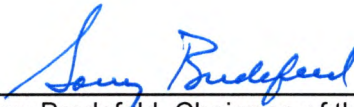
10 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors
11 of the County of Fresno this 16th day of June, 2026, to wit:

13 AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Mendes, Pacheco

14 NOES: None

15 ABSENT: None

16 RECUSED: Supervisor Magsig

18
19 
20 _____
21 Garry Bredefeld, Chairman of the
22 Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

23 **ATTEST:**
24 Bernice E. Seidel
25 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
26 County of Fresno, State of California

27 BY 
28 _____
Deputy