



# County of Fresno

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## Legislation Text

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**DATE:** September 26, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBMITTED BY:** Rick Chavez, Chief Probation Officer

**SUBJECT:** Retroactive change in funding source for Agreement 14-260 with Focus Forward

### RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

**Retroactively authorize a change in funding source, from Child Welfare funds to Youthful Offender Block Grant revenue, effective July 1, 2017, for Agreement 14-260 with Focus Forward, which provides prevention and intervention services to incarcerated youth at the Juvenile Justice Campus, with no increase to the maximum compensation amount \$407,600, or term to May 19, 2019.**

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The Department of Social Services (DSS) previously funded Agreement 14-260 between the Probation Department and Focus Forward with Child Welfare funds. An inter-departmental agreement was established between the two departments to formalize this funding arrangement which expired on April 30, 2017. Upon expiration of the inter-departmental agreement, the departments mutually agreed that DSS would continue to fund the agreement through the end of FY 2016-17 and that effective July 1, 2017, Probation would fund Agreement 14-260 with Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) revenue. Focus Forward provides prevention and intervention services, including mentoring, to youth housed at the Juvenile Justice Campus (JJC).

### ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If your Board does not approve the recommended action, the agreement will be terminated unless an alternative funding source is identified and approved by your Board.

### RETROACTIVE AUTHORIZATION:

Once the Probation Department determined there were adequate Youthful Offender Block funds, the agenda item was prepared and brought to your Board for approval.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no additional Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The agreement was previously funded by DSS utilizing Child Welfare funds. Effective July 1, 2017, the agreement began being funded with YOBG funds. There is no change in the annual maximum compensation of \$81,520, or the maximum compensation total of \$407,600 over the potential five-year term of the agreement. Appropriations and estimated revenues are included in the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget for Probation Org 3430.

DISCUSSION:

Focus Forward is a community based non-profit corporation created in 2006 to serve at risk youth in collaboration with Probation and DSS. Focus Forward provides prevention and intervention services to youth incarcerated at the JJC. Services provided by Focus Forward through Agreement 14-260 includes coordination services for volunteers (including student interns) that provide mentoring services to youth in custody. Coordination services include but are not limited to volunteer outreach, recruitment, background checks, volunteer management and support, case file review, written reports, and screening and assessment of youth for mentoring services and youth programs.

Agreement 14-260 with Focus Forward was approved by your Board May 20, 2014. The Agreement is a three year agreement, effective May 20, 2014 and includes two optional one year extensions upon written approval by both parties. The first optional one-year extension has been exercised. Focus Forward provides valuable services to youth detained at the JJC and the quality of services provided have been deemed satisfactory.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI # 41 - May 20, 2014

CAO ANALYST:

Samantha Buck