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DATE: August 04, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Kirk Haynes, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: Agreement with Turning Point of Central California, Inc.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and Authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement with Turning Point of Central California, Inc. for evidence-based case management services, effective upon execution, not to exceed four consecutive years, which includes a three-year base contract, and an optional one-year extension, total not to exceed \$1,474,092.

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. The Board of State Department of Corrections (BSCC) awarded the competitive Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Accountability Grant (JAG) to develop the Adult Re-Entry Planning Program (ARPP) and facilitate successful re-entry into the community for the targeted population. Approval of the recommended agreement will provide evidence-based case management services to the target population of incarcerated participants, between ages 18-30 years old with prior gang affiliation at medium to high risk to re-offend. This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

If the recommended action is not approved, the services provided in the recommended agreement will not be provided by Turning Point of Central California, Inc. The Department would need to rescind the tentative award and provide your Board alternatives to provide these services that are required by the awarded grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no Net County Cost associated with the recommended action. Funding for this agreement is fully offset with JAG revenue. The maximum annual compensation for this agreement is \$368,523 with a maximum compensation for the full (four-year) term of the contract totaling \$1,474,092. There are adequate appropriations and estimated revenues included in Probation's Recommended Budget for FY 2020-21 Grant Org 3432, which will be presented to your Board in September 2020. Funding for subsequent years of this Agreement will be included in the Department's future budget requests.

DISCUSSION:

On November 19, 2019 your Board approved and authorized the execution of the Grant Application/Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections for the JAG for the period of October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$3,136,875. The ARPP Program will provide re-entry case management and supportive pre- and post- release services to individuals who are 18-30 years of age, committed to the Fresno County Jail for a minimum of sixty days and/or on current supervision, affiliated or previously affiliated with a gang, at medium or high risk to re-offend. The goal of the ARPP is to facilitate successful re-entry into the community, reduce gang activity after release from custody, and increase public safety.

On January 21, 2020, the County issued Request for Proposal (RFP) Number 20-033 and an Addendum Number One on February 10, 2020. The RFP solicited proposals from qualified vendors to provide evidence-based case management and support services for 160 participants. Responses to the RFP were required to describe an implementation plan and provide a line item budget for five years. The RFP closed on February 25, 2020 and six organizations responded to the RFP. A five-member review committee met to review and rank each proposal. The committee consisted of members from the Probation Department, the Department of Behavioral Health, and the Sheriff's Department. Based on their review, the committee recommended awarding these services to Turning Point of Central California, Inc. The committee members concluded Turning Point's proposal was the most comprehensive of the six proposals that were received. Turning Point of Central California, Inc. demonstrated vast experience with the target population, and addressed all criminogenic needs detailing the resources they will provide through a holistic approach. Probation decided in the current economic climate, a four-year contract would be offered. If a fifth year is needed and adequate funding is available, the Department will return to the Board to request a one-year extension.

In accordance with the recommended agreement, Turning Point of Central California, Inc. will provide evidenced-based case management services to participants pre- and post- release from incarceration. Case managers will conduct assessments to identify participants criminogenic and stabilization needs. Based on the results of the assessments, case managers and participants will collaborate to develop a case plan with strategies to meet those needs. A multi-disciplinary team that includes the case manager, participant, Deputy Probation Officer, family members, and a mentor will meet every two weeks prior to release to review the transition plan and make any changes. Case managers will continue to work with the participants to address their needs after being released from jail. Case managers will be trained in Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPICS) and Motivational Interviewing (MI) evidence-based practices provided by the Probation Department. EPICS is a training and coaching model to teach individuals how to translate principles of effective intervention into practice and adhere to the risk, needs, and responsivity (RNR) principles. MI is a collaborative and goal-oriented style of communication designed to strengthen personal motivation and commitment to change by facilitating the process of change while encouraging autonomy. In addition, the contractor will require each new case manager to complete a minimum of 40 hours of training covering such topics as First Aid/CPR and correctional policies and procedures.

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with the Clerk- Agreement with Turning Point of Central California, Inc.

CAO ANALYST:

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