



Monterey County

Item No.

Board Report

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Chambers

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Adopt Resolution to:

- a. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues of \$776,871 for the FY2021-22 Probation Adopted Budget, Fund 001, Appropriation Unit PRO001 for the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (4/5ths vote required); and
- b. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY2021-22 Probation Adopted Budget by increasing appropriations and estimated revenues by \$776,871, Fund 001, Appropriation Unit PRO001, financed by the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant - Senate Bill (SB) 823 for the mandated care, custody and supervision of the realigned youth population (4/5ths vote required).

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

The recommended actions allocate resources from the State to the Probation Department for the implementation of the local Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant plan strategies, services, and programs in FY2021-22.

DISCUSSION:

Senate Bill (SB) 823 was signed by the Governor on September 30, 2020 and became effective immediately. With this bill the State initiated the closing of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and realigned to the counties the responsibility for youth adjudicated for serious violent felony offenses that would have formerly been eligible for commitment to the DJJ. This mandated program, established by Welfare & Institutions Code Section(s) 1990-1995, is for the purpose of providing county-based care, custody and supervision of youth realigned from the DJJ or who would otherwise be eligible for commitment to the DJJ. Additionally, SB 823 intends for counties to use evidence-based practices

and programs to improve youth and public safety outcomes, reduce the transfer of youth to the adult court system and reduce the use of juvenile justice confinement through community-based responses and interventions.

SB 823 established a Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant program to fund the counties' efforts to provide a replacement service continuum for this realigned population. SB 823 also required counties to establish a subcommittee of their multiagency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) to develop a local plan (Plan) to serve this realigned population. The Plan is required for counties to receive their designated ongoing Juvenile Justice Block Grant funding. Further, the Plan is required to describe the facilities, programs, placements, services, supervision, and reentry strategies that are needed to provide the appropriate rehabilitation and supervision services for the realigned population. The subcommittee of the JJCC was created, and the FY2021-22 Plan developed and approved at its meeting on April 28, 2021. The Board of Supervisors received and considered the FY 2021-22 Plan on June 8, 2021.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) has approved the recommended action. The JJCC is chaired by the Chief Probation Officer; its membership is established by law and includes key stakeholders such as the Board of Supervisors, the Courts, District Attorney, Public Defender, the Directors for Social Services and Mental Health, and the Superintendent of the Office of Education, in addition to community members. Further, County Counsel has reviewed this recommendation. This request was supported by the Budget Committee during their meeting on October 29, 2021.

FINANCING:

Commencing with the FY2021-22 Budget Year and annually thereafter, an allocation will be given to Monterey County to provide supervision, housing, and appropriate rehabilitative care services for the population. The Monterey County funding allocation is as follows:

- FY2021-22 \$ 983,841
- FY2022-23 \$2,905,404 (projected)
- FY2023-24 \$4,813,377 (projected)

Subsequent year funding formulas and funding levels have yet to be determined.

Monterey County has received a total of \$983,841 during the current fiscal year. The Probation Department worked with the County Auditor-Controller within established county procedures on depositing the monies into an appropriate restricted account.

FY2021-22 funding is shared between the Health Department-Behavioral Health Division for \$206,970 and Probation for \$776,871, to implement legislated core mandates and treatment strategies as identified in the Plan. In parallel with the Plan, the Probation Department and the Health Department - Behavioral Health Division, reviewed the data on the local youth who were committed to DJJ during recent years and the probable current local realigned population. This data will be used to continue developing and refining programs, supervision strategies, services and re-entry needs for these youth who will now be serviced at the local level, utilizing County and local community-based

services.

Specifically, funding in the amount of \$776,871 to Probation will be utilized with a phased-in approach for: a) providing programming oversight and case management by one existing temporarily redirected Deputy Probation Officer III \$115,056; b) staffing for custody and programming to be phased-in as the realigned population increases, by 4.0 FTE existing Juvenile Institutional Officer positions \$386,330, these positions were previously unfunded pending full completion of construction for the new Juvenile Hall; c) youth support and healthcare costs \$88,800; d) operating and staff training costs \$86,685; and e) contracted specialized youth services and programs \$100,000. At this time, the Health Department - Behavioral Health Division is projecting their allocated \$206,970 portion of the costs, can be managed within the Health Department's existing FY2021-22 Adopted Budget appropriations.

There is no additional cost to the County General Fund with the recommended action.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

This recommendation supports key objectives of: 1) Administration with efficient and effective fiscal management of the State realigned funds, and 2) Health and Human Services by providing pro-social and rehabilitative and reentry services to juvenile offenders, and 3) Public Safety for the safe and secure custody of residents in juvenile institutions.

Economic Development: Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration: Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services: Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure: Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety: Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Attachment A - Recommended JJRBG Budget FY21-22

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