

County of Monterey

Board of Supervisors Chambers 168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor Salinas, CA 93901

Board Report

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<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received federal approval under its California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) 1115 Demonstration for Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) capacity building funds to support the Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative.

Under the CalAIM 1115 Demonstration, DHCS received approval to disseminate up to \$410 million in capacity building funds to support the planning and implementation of pre-release and reentry services in the 90 days prior to an individual's release into the community. California is the first state in the nation to receive federal approval to provide pre-release services. The Monterey County Probation Department is among many county agencies Statewide that meet the eligibility for this grant. The County's grant allocation specific to the Probation Department is \$500,000.

The PATH Justice-Involved (JI) Reentry Initiative capacity building program will provide funding to support the planning and implementation of the provision of targeted pre-release Medi-Cal services to individuals in

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state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities who meet the eligibility criteria. This initiative aims to advance health equity and improve physical and behavioral health outcomes for the justice-involved population to avert unnecessary use of inpatient hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes, emergency departments, and other forms of costly and inefficient care.

Monterey County Probation will ensure sustainability of pre-release enrollment and suspension processes using PATH JI funding through the potential programming of our case management system (CMS) to automate and streamline the current manual process, and through the development and modification of protocols and procedures in support of automation and streamlining in the CMS. The existing vendor would provide programming support of the CMS applications to develop and modify the system.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Staff has consulted with the Office of County Counsel. Risk Management reviewed the grant agreement due to non-standard insurance.

FINANCING:

There will be no cost to the County General Fund associated with the recommendation. Additionally, there are no required increases in appropriations in the current fiscal year as grant activities are anticipated to begin in FY2024-25. The department plans to incorporate grant related expenditures and offsetting reimbursement revenues into future budget cycles through FY 2025-2027.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

☐ 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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Attachments: Board Report Grant Agreement