



County of Monterey

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Board Report

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Receive the Monterey County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan for FY 24-25.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors receive the Monterey County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan for FY 24-25.

SUMMARY:

On March 27, 2024, the Monterey County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan for FY 24-25, was developed and approved by the subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) and subsequently approved by the JJCC. The plan is presented today to the Board of Supervisors.

DISCUSSION:

Senate Bill 823 (SB 823) was signed into law in 2020. This law directed the phased closure of state-run youth detention facilities, with a commitment of annual funding to counties to locally serve impacted youth who would have historically been committed to state facilities for serious or violent felonies. It also created the State Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR). The role of the OYCR is to guide the transition from state-run youth incarceration to county care by identifying and sharing best practices on rehabilitative youth support and offering technical assistance to advise on improving outcomes for youth in the justice system.

Additionally, as per related Sections 1991 (a) and 1995 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, a subcommittee was created of the multi-agency Monterey County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) to develop and approve a local plan. The first annual local plan for FY 21-22 was presented to the Board of Supervisors in June 2021 and submitted to the OYCR. As mandated, in subsequent years, the local plan has been reviewed, approved by the JJCC and its subcommittee and submitted to the OYCR. The annual plan submission to the OYCR is due May 1st each year and is required for counties to remain eligible for the state funding to manage these new responsibilities.

The Monterey County local plan for FY 24-25 continues to address all areas required by legislation, and maintains a framework for a comprehensive system of graduated responses which:

- Focuses on diverting youth from the juvenile justice system
- Implements strategies and activities at the lowest level of intervention and least restrictive and appropriate environment
- Offers non-detention options as appropriate
- Uses evidence-based supervision and programs
- Fosters and supports rehabilitation at all levels of involvement in the juvenile justice system
- Aims at reducing and then eliminating racial and ethnic disparities
- While ensuring public safety, moves toward a holistic youth justice model based on treatment and rehabilitation for the realigned population of Secure Track Treatment Youth

A copy of the FY 24-25 Plan is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of County Counsel-Risk Management has reviewed the plan.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to the County General Fund associated with receiving the local plan. State grant funds cover the local plan costs. Implementation of the plan is ongoing, and the stakeholder County departments are including the associated appropriations and revenue in their budgets for the FY 24-25 County budget cycle currently underway.

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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Attachments:

Monterey County Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan FY 24-25