

# Monterey County Probation Department



## Probation Budget Augmentation Requests FY 2026-27

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**Jose Ramirez**  
**Chief Probation Officer**

# Summary of Requests

## Total of Four Augmentation Requests

Due to State & local funding losses and lack of funding due to increased County cost pressures

**\$860,756**

## In Department Priority Order:

1. Deputy Probation Officer – Juvenile Sex Offender/Juvenile Mental Health caseload \$188,188
2. Two (2) Deputy Probation Officers – Adult Pretrial/Supervised Home Confinement \$450,746
3. Deputy Probation Officer – Community Corrections Unit \$174,304
4. Probation Aide – Silver Star Youth Program support services \$47,518

# Priority 1

Budget Request: 255005-1001-AUG001

Program: Juvenile Sex Offender/Juvenile Mental Health Court

## **Request:**

1.0 FTE Position  
restore due to  
loss of funding  
from County  
partner agency

**Deputy  
Probation  
Officer (DPO) II**

**\$188,188**

## **Position and funding support scope:**

- Provides mandated coordination and case management of all offenses, citations and treatment programming for juveniles arrested for sexual offenses and those identified as suffering from acute mental health issues that impact their development, growth, and ability to access critical services

## **Impact if not funded:**

- Cases will be assigned to juvenile field unit (already carrying full caseloads) versus a dedicated officer that provides specialized collaborative care and community supervision.
- Loss of a multidisciplinary team (probation, behavioral health, court) may increase likelihood of a worsening of symptoms, higher risk of harm to self, family, and community, and increases likelihood of recidivism.

## Priority 2

Budget Request: 255004-1001-AUG002

Program: Adult Pretrial & Supervised Home Confinement

### **Request:**

2.0 FTE Position  
restore due to  
loss of State  
AB1869 backfill  
funding

**Deputy  
Probation  
Officer (DPO) II**

**\$450,746**

### **Position Scope:**

- Monitoring and supervision to eligible clients as a custody alternative to the Monterey County Jail that helps clients remain connected to their families, employment, school, and services, while conserving jail space
- Programs are **free** to offenders and funded through the sunseting of AB 1869 funding from State of California
- Clients Removed from Monterey County Jail through Pretrial Release Program:  
Calendar Year 2025 – **(967) individuals**  
Calendar Year 2024 – **(814) individuals**
- Clients Who Served Imposed Jail Sentences Through Supervised Home Confinement Program in Lieu of County Jail:  
Calendar Year 2025 – **(545) Individuals**  
Calendar Year 2024 – **(547) Individuals**

### **Impact if not funded:**

- These combined programs have removed a total of **2,873 incarcerated persons from custody at the Monterey County Jail**, saving the county significant potential costs associated with the 24/7 care of local detained adult offenders
- These programs offer sentencing alternatives to the Superior Court and allow qualified offenders to retain employment, treatment, and family engagement in the community. The loss may significantly increase the jail population

## Priority 3

Budget Request: 255004-1001-AUG004

Program: Community Corrections Unit

### Request:

1.0 FTE  
Position  
restore due to  
lack of funding

**Deputy  
Probation  
Officer (DPO)  
II**

**\$174,304**

### **Position Scope:**

- Direct community supervision of **high-risk clients** recently released from long term incarceration in the county jail and state prisons. Mandated supervision and critical reintegration services are centered on public safety, intensive community supervision, and behavioral interventions using evidence-based programs and services

### **Impact if not funded:**

- Increases to specialized **high-risk** caseloads will directly impact public safety by reducing officer ability to monitor behavior in the community
- **High-risk** offenders that do not receive appropriate supervision and assistance in accessing necessary services, result in an increased likelihood of re-offending against victims, violating probation, or committing new law violations in the community.

## Priority 4

Budget Request: 255001-1001-AUG005

Program: Silver Star Youth Program Probation Aide

### **Request:**

0.50 FTE  
Position  
restore due  
to lack of  
funding

**Probation  
Aide**

**\$47,518**

### **Position Scope:**

**The funding for this position is part of the program match from the County general fund contribution and in FY26-27 this contribution will not meet the level needed to keep this position/services in place.**

- Essential program support in the form of providing support services for juvenile probationers and **at-risk** youth enrolled in school through the Silver Star Youth Program; facilitating access to campus programs including vocational training, tutoring, counseling and health education
- Provides daily support to youth during their attendance in enrichment classes such as wood shop, sports, and vocational skills in a project-based learning environment

### **Impact if not funded:**

- Workload will increase among existing staff likely resulting in delays in access to education and prevention programs, decreased one on one interactions between at-risk youth and positive messengers, may limit the number of youth that can attend these programs and decrease the department's ability to provide supervision, reinforcement, and support to youth approved to attend both school programs and community-based events