

# County of Santa Clara Probation Department


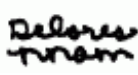


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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM:    
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SUBJECT: The California Endowment Healthy Returns Initiative (HRI) Spending Plan

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Consider recommendations relating to The California Endowment Healthy Returns Initiative.

Possible action:

- a. Adopt Resolution delegating authority to the Chief Probation Officer, or designee, or the President of the Board of Supervisors, to sign and/or submit an extension to The California Endowment Healthy Returns Initiative application and negotiate, execute, amend and terminate any related contracts and amendments associated with The California Endowment Healthy Returns Initiative, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2009 (Roll Call Vote)
  
- b. Introduction and preliminary adoption of Salary Ordinance No. NS-5.09.63 amending

Santa Clara County Salary Ordinance No. NS-5.09 relating to the compensation of employees amending footnote No. 592 extending the expiration date of one unclassified Justice System Clerk I position in the Probation Department. Position shall expire on June 30, 2009. (Roll Call Vote to waive reading, Roll Call Vote to adopt)

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no negative fiscal impacts to the General Fund associated with this action. The California Endowment (TCE), Healthy Returns Initiative (HRI) grant currently funds an unclassified Justice System Clerk I (JSC) position in the amount of \$84,428 through February 28, 2009.

The Probation Department has projected unspent grant funds through February 2009. As a result, it submitted a Budget Modification Request to TCE-HRI, requesting a grant extension to fulfill additional grant requirements and expend unspent funds. The request was approved by TCE and will cover costs to fund the JSC I position another four months through June 30, 2009.

### **CONTRACT HISTORY**

In early 2005, the County was awarded a \$950,000 grant from TCE to implement their HRI. The funding is for a four-year period, starting March 1, 2005 through February 28, 2009. The revenue and expenditure distribution is \$250,000, annually, for the first three years, and \$200,000 for the fourth and final year.

As required by TCE to implement an HRI, the Probation Department entered into a contract with The Health Trust on April 1, 2007 to provide education and information about insurance options to minors and their families, and provide enrollment assistance. The contract ended on June 30, 2008. These services are now provided by the Probation Department in its current budget.

Additionally, the Department is contracting with Ruth Auten, a private contractor, to provide training to custodial staff on handling youth in custody with psychiatric and/or behavioral issues. This contract will end on January 31, 2009 and will fulfill the Department's training requirements.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

TCE recently modified its data outcome and reporting requirements under the HRI grant, increasing the Department's participation. It also approved Probation's request to modify its existing HRI budget to make use of unspent funds, projected through February 2009, which would fund a JSC I position an additional four months.

Data collection is performed by an unclassified JSC I who enters information into a computer database about various treatment services provided to youth in custody by the Probation and Mental Health Departments. This position also assists with compiling and producing required reports to track performance and outcome measures.

The TCE-HRI grant targets youth in Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Rehabilitative Service Programs at the Ranches that fall under one or more of the following categories:

1. Multiple psychiatric hospitalization in the past six months.
2. Current high-risk status (5- or 15-minute watches) in Juvenile Hall.
3. Current psychotropic prescriptions.
4. Referral by a Multi-Disciplinary Team member.

The TCE-HRI grant has already proven to be successful in strengthening the Department's capacity to work collaboratively with the Mental Health Department to improve mental health and healthcare access to youth detained at the Hall or those committed to the Juvenile Ranch facilities.

The Employee Services Agency concurs with the Department's recommendation to extend the expiration date for this unclassified position by four months, from February 28, 2009 to June 30, 2009.

## **BACKGROUND**

TCE was formed in 1996 to expand access to affordable, quality healthcare for under served individuals and communities; and to promote fundamental improvements in the health status of all Californians.

TCE awards funding both in response to proposals submitted by public or non-profit organizations and as the result of Foundation-driven initiatives. The HRI encourages strategic investments that will improve the mental health and well being of target populations who have limited access to services. Its intent was to strengthen the organizational and service capacity of care by ensuring routine use of screening tools that would assist and improve case planning, improve collaborations among collateral agencies and facilitate the enhancement and better implementation of data collection.

TCE selected five counties to participate in the HRI, a four-year, \$6.5 million initiative. TCE selected the County of Santa Clara because of its collaborative efforts to improve services for youth in the juvenile justice system.

On March 11, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the addition of an unclassified JSC I position to provide the necessary clerical support for this grant.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Probation Department would not be able to extend its HRI grant with TCE.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Upon the Board of Supervisor's approval, the Clerk of the Board's Office is requested to send Keyboard notification of completed processing to Vickie Gorley, Donald Casillas, Jessie Fuentes and Delores Nnam of the Probation Department.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- HRI Resolution
- NS-5.09.63