



## Legislation Text

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Probation Department recommending the Board:

- 1) Accept a grant award, in accordance with Board Policy A-6, in an amount of up to \$167,529 in Youth Programs and Facilities Grant Program funding;
- 2) Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution **112-2021** delegating authority to Brian Richart, Chief Probation Officer, to execute the grant agreement and to accept funding contingent upon County Counsel approval; and
- 3) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to administer any subsequent administrative documents, including required fiscal and programmatic reports.

**FUNDING:** Board of State and Community Corrections Youth Programs and Facilities Grant (100%).

### **DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND**

On September 30, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 823 (SB 823), which began the closure of the state's Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), realigning those state functions to county governments. Under SB 823, DJJ intake closed for most youth on July 1, 2021, and counties then became fully responsible for housing, programming, and treatment of youth at higher offense and needs levels who can no longer be committed to DJJ.

As part of SB 823, \$9.6 million was set aside for the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Youth Programs and Facilities Grant (YPFG) Program to "award one-time grants, to counties for the purpose of providing resources for infrastructure-related needs and improvements to assist counties in the development of a local continuum of care." This funding has been split into two separate categories including Part A, and Part B.

Part A included funding in support of Regional Hubs - El Dorado, Fresno, and Sonoma Counties were chosen to receive Part A funding - El Dorado declined the funding, resulting in an increase for Part B funding. Part B Funding for small counties (El Dorado), was initially set at \$47,086 for the funding period of June 10, 2021, through June 1, 2024. By relinquishing the Part A Funding, The El Dorado County Probation Department (Probation) will be awarded \$167,529 under this program, contingent upon approval of Resolution **XXX-2021**, execution of the Standard Grant Agreement, and submittal of a modification to the initial budget due to the increase in funding to BSCC by December 10, 2021. Funds must be spent on infrastructure or improvements to programs, services, or facilities serving youth who are realigned to counties as a result of the closure of the DJJ.

Probation will utilize the YPFG funds on the Cedar Program (Cedar). Cedar is a secure track program located at the Juvenile Treatment Center in South Lake Tahoe for youth who fall under the jurisdiction of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 707(b) and require long-term treatment, services, and interventions prior to returning to the community. Cedar will provide long-term individualized treatment utilizing evidence-based programming models and cognitive-based intervention curriculum. Each youth will be assessed and provided specific treatment goals while evaluating the youth's strengths and stabilizing factors. Cedar will focus on preparation to return to the community with professional development skills, reduction in criminal thinking, practical

vocational training, secondary education, and healthy lifestyle habits. Cedar will be offered to applicable El Dorado County and contract county youth as appropriate.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

Should the Board decline to adopt the Resolution and decline to approve the acceptance of the YPFG funds, the County would be ineligible to participate in the Program and, as a result, not be awarded the funding identified for El Dorado County.

### **PRIOR BOARD ACTION**

21-1028 7/13/2021 #16

21-0839 5/18/2021 #29

20-1165 9/1/2020 #39

### **OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

N/A

### **CAO RECOMMENDATION / COMMENTS**

Approve as recommended.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The YPFG funding will allow Probation to establish and implement the Cedar Program, with the goal of continuing it as needed. No matching funds are required from the County in connection with these grant funds. Costs associated for the above project will be grant funded on a reimbursement basis. Under the terms of the YPFG funding, all activities must be completed and grant funds expended by June 1, 2024. The grant funding directly offsets the General Fund cost of these projects.

### **CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS**

- 1) Clerk to obtain Chair's signature on one (1) original copy of the Resolution.
- 2) Clerk of the Board will forward two (2) certified copies of the fully executed Resolution to the Probation Department, attention of Jackie Cook.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT**

Healthy Communities, Good Governance

### **CONTACT**

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