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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND TITLE IV-E REINVESTMENT FUNDS FOR THE JUVENILE DAY REPORTING CENTERS

(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3 and 4) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) is requesting delegated authority to expend up to $80,000 Title IV-E Reinvestment Funds from Probation's FY 2015-16 Budget, for expenses at the Juvenile Day Reporting Centers (JDRCs).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Interim Chief Probation Officer to expend up to a total of $80,000 Title IV-E Reinvestment Funds from Probation's FY 2015-16 budget for expenses such as food, uniform allowance for youth, recreational activities, museum tours, environmental learning experiences, and community based activities at the JDRCs.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will allow Probation to expend up to $80,000 to be funded from Probation's FY 2015-16 budget from Title IV-E Reinvestment Funds (50%) and net County cost (50%) for expenses such as food, uniform allowance for youth, recreational activities, museum tours, environmental learning experiences, and community based activities at Probation's four (4) JDRCs.

The four (4) JDRCs are located in District One, District Two, District Three, and District Four and provide probationers and at-risk youth with educational and support services in a community-based setting as an alternative to detention. The goals of the JDRCs are to provide participants with educational and support services that will improve academic performance, reduce recidivism, prevent out of home placements, and ensure successful community reconnection.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action is consistent with the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan, Goal 3, Integrated Service Delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Probation has implemented four (4) successful JDRCs in District One, District Two, District Three, and District Four to comply with Paragraph 73.5 of the Department of Justice (DOJ) Settlement Agreement which requires that educational and support services be provided in a community-based setting as an alternative to incarceration. The JDRCs are designed to reduce out-of-home placements by offering more effective and safe community-based services for eligible medium to high risk youth, while providing increased school attendance, credit recovery, and higher graduation rates. The target population in the JDRCs consist of male and female juvenile probationers, at-risk youth between the ages 14-18, probationers who are at-risk of violating conditions of probation or sustained a new arrest and are at imminent risk of removal from home, probationers who are transitioning into the community from camp placement and youth in need of a strict educational/ supervision program due to behavioral issues or risk of suspension or expulsion from school.

Services at the JDRCs include:

Educational Day Treatment Programs

The Educational Day Treatment programs are centered on a comprehensive educational assessment and treatment which address the individual learning needs of each participant.

The services include credit recovery, improved achievement in Math and English, improved test scores, and college preparation.

After-school Programs

The JDRC afterschool programs utilize evidence-based programing such as Aggression Replacement Training (ART), a research-based, proven-effective approach for working with challenging youth. In addition to the ART program, the youth also receive services that focus on literacy, homework assistance, California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) preparation, vocational training, mentoring, gender-specific mentoring, and other cultural/recreational programming.

Family Support Services and System Navigation

The JDRCs also serve as a resource to parents and families struggling with poor family communication/engagement and/or dysfunction. The Deputy Probation Officers provide referrals to improve family functioning through participation in Functional Family Therapy or Multi-Systemic Therapy services and provide resources and connections to community services and programs.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended action will enable Probation to enhance services provided at the JDRCs.

Respectfully submitted,

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