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Los Angeles County’s Application for State Proposition 47 Cohort 2 Grant Program

In November 2014, California voters approved Proposition 47 (Prop 47), which reduced certain non-violent, non-serious drug and property crimes from felonies to misdemeanors. The removal of felonies from the criminal records of many residents was expected to reduce significant barriers to employment, healthcare services, education and other social services, including housing. In addition, the reduction of felony offenses to misdemeanors was expected to decrease the incarceration rate, which was expected to result in significant cost savings for the State of California.

The statute directed that State savings from Prop 47 be used specifically for mental health and substance use treatment; truancy and dropout prevention among K-12 public school students; and victim services. Assembly Bill 1056, enacted in October 2015, added additional priorities for these savings including housing-related assistance and community-based supportive services such as job skills training, case management and civil legal services.

In November 2016, the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Prop 47 Recidivism Reduction Grant Program. The draft contained a \$20 million set aside for the County of Los Angeles to provide Prop 47 services over 38 months. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion directing the Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR), in collaboration with key County, City of Los Angeles,

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and community partners, to lead the development of an innovative Prop 47 grant proposal, including a Local Advisory Committee for robust stakeholder engagement (Solis – Ridley-Thomas, November 22, 2016). These funds would allow ODR to advance its mission to reduce the negative impact of justice involvement, reduce recidivism, and improve the health, employment, and social outcomes of justice-involved populations.

As part of a community engagement process that began first in December 2015, and was initiated again in January 2017, ODR and the City of Los Angeles facilitated nine Town Hall meetings, engaging over 100 CBO's and stakeholders who work with justice-involved populations, to gain an understanding about the needs of underserved populations and various disparities.

In June 2017, the BSCC awarded ODR \$20 million over three years, to expand recovery oriented housing, enhance access to substance use and mental health services, and develop new reentry-focused intensive case management and wraparound services to improve health and employment outcomes and reduce recidivism among justice-involved individuals with mild to moderate substance use and mental health disorders. Since 2018, the Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS) program has provided case management and service navigation to improve the health and wellbeing of justice-involved individuals. ODR has contracted with 20 community-based organizations to operate the program; 45 Community Health Workers with lived experience have been hired to provide services; and over 1,200 individuals have been enrolled. Additionally, the site of a former juvenile camp, Camp Gonzalez, is currently being converted into a residential program, where services including substance use recovery treatment, vocational and educational training, case management and systems navigation, and employment assistance will be provided starting in 2019.

On January 18, 2019, the BSCC issued the second RFP for the Prop 47 grant program. The RFP again includes a set aside of \$18,616,627 for the County of Los Angeles, allowing the opportunity for the County to submit a strong and competitive application to continue providing mental health, substance abuse, and/or diversion

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services, as well as other supportive services for a grant period of August 15, 2019, through May 15, 2023. The formal application is due by March 18, 2019. These resources will allow ODR to expand its work to address the unmet health, employment, and social needs of individuals across Los Angeles County with justice-involvement.

The RFP requires the creation or continuation of a Prop 47 Local Advisory Committee (LAC) comprising a broad range of stakeholders from the communities impacted by the proposal to inform the development and implementation of the grant project. The current LA County and City Joint Local Advisory Committee (JLAC) has met regularly since the implementation of the first grant and, with its diverse membership, is well-positioned to continue its role providing oversight of the grant project and coordinating across Prop 47 grantees within Los Angeles.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Director of the Office of Diversion and Reentry, or his designee, to submit the Los Angeles County application for Cohort 2 of the Proposition 47 Request for Proposals that continues to focus on the priority areas identified in the Prop 47 Town Hall meetings and incorporates stakeholder feedback gathered through ongoing Joint Local Advisory Committee (JLAC) meetings.
2. In the event that the County is awarded Prop 47 funds by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), authorize the Director of the Department of Health Service or her designee (Director) to 1) accept the grant of up to \$18,616,627 and manage implementation of the program; 2) sign and execute the BSCC Grant Award Agreement and all other necessary documents to accept the award, effective upon execution; and 3) execute any future amendments to the Grant Award Agreement and all other related documents; subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel.
3. Delegate authority to the Director to execute new agreements and amendments to existing agreements with community-based organizations that are necessary to implement the LA County Proposition 47 Program, subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

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4. Delegate authority to the Director to either execute an agreement with a data system provider for the Proposition 47 Program, and/or amend the agreement with Eccovia, Inc., dba ClientTrack (ClientTrack) to facilitate the deployment of the ClientTrack case management system for the Proposition 47 Program; with amendments not to exceed Board approved funding for the Proposition 47 Program, and with all agreements and amendments subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel.
5. Delegate authority to the Director to retain a consultant to perform data collection and evaluation services during the term of the Proposition 47 Program grant, at a cost not to exceed ten percent of the total grant award from BSCC.

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