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**Los Angeles County Application for State Youth Reinvestment Grant with
Division of Youth Diversion and Development as Lead Agency**

California’s 2018 Budget Act and Assembly Bill 1812 established the State Youth Reinvestment Grant Program aimed at diverting youth from contact with the juvenile justice system using approaches that are evidence-based, culturally relevant, trauma-informed, and developmentally appropriate. A total of \$37.3 million was appropriated for the Youth Reinvestment Grant, with 94%, or \$35.062 million, designated for awards to local jurisdictions. The 2018 Budget Act directed the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to award these grant funds through contracts expected to begin July 1, 2019 with a focus on implementing youth diversion programs in underserved communities with high rates of juvenile arrests and high rates of racial/ethnic disproportionality within those arrests.

On January 18, 2019, the BSCC released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Youth Reinvestment Grant. Eligible applicants for the 2019 Youth Reinvestment Grant are California cities and counties. Each applicant must designate a “lead public agency” (Lead Agency) per distinct proposal to receive 10% of the funds and provide coordination to support implementation of the local grant program with a 10%-25% match requirement depending on existing infrastructure for youth diversion. Applicants are required to pass 90% of awarded funds to community-based organizations to deliver youth diversion services. City or county applicants are responsible for the administration of their Youth Reinvestment Grant(s) and may select the community-based

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organizations by whatever means they choose, including requesting its Lead Agency or Lead Agencies to do so or releasing an RFP after the grant is awarded.

By launching the Division of Youth Diversion and Development (YDD) within the Department of Health Services' Office of Diversion and Reentry in November 2017, Los Angeles County (County) established itself as a leader in the national movement to prevent juvenile justice system involvement and equitably improve outcomes for young people. YDD represents a historic investment in the centralized infrastructure needed for the countywide coordination and investment needed to build a regional network of diversion programs that connect young people to individualized care coordination, youth development activities, and restorative practices in their communities in lieu of arrest or citation (Pre-Booking Diversion). In December 2018, YDD awarded its first round of contracts to community-based organizations, and plans to continue to scale and spread effective, equitable pre-booking diversion practices for young people each year in partnership with cities and communities throughout the County.

YDD has taken a data-informed approach to identifying geographic priorities for phased implementation given existing capacity and resources. If awarded, YDD would be able to use Youth Reinvestment Grant funds to bring on more program sites in Fiscal Year 2019-2020 than originally planned. Given the scale of this work in the County, submitting a regional application on behalf of several jurisdictions would allow YDD to maximize the total investment in Pre-Booking Diversion for the region. YDD would be the Lead Agency in a regional application to implement distinct diversion interventions in more than one jurisdiction, allowing the maximum allowable grant to exceed \$1,000,000. The Lead Agency will receive 10% of the total grant and be responsible for coordinating the overall effort, including data management and reporting. To meet grant requirements, the County Board of Supervisors (Board) must submit a letter of commitment indicating support of the regional effort and identifying its roles and responsibilities relative to the grant.

YDD is well positioned to serve as a Lead Agency for a regional application on behalf of the County for Youth Reinvestment Grant funds to support Pre-Booking Diversion in alignment with YDD's existing program model. YDD has the infrastructure

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required to support the effective, equitable scale and spread of Pre-Booking Diversion practices and compile a regional application by the March 29, 2019 deadline for all Youth Reinvestment Grant applications.

WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Instruct the Director of Health Services, or her designee, to identify the Division of Youth Diversion and Development (YDD) as the Lead Agency for a regional application on behalf of Los Angeles County (County) for a State Youth Reinvestment Grant proposal focused on the expansion of YDD's Pre-Booking Diversion model.
2. Provide the Director of Health Services, or her designee, with the authority to submit the Youth Reinvestment Grant application on behalf of the County.
3. In the event that the County is awarded Youth Reinvestment Grant funds by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), authorize the Director of Health Service or her designee to 1) accept the grant 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; 3) identify community-based organizations to receive Youth Reinvestment Grant funds; and 4) 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.
4. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services to execute new agreements and amendments to existing agreements with community-based organizations that are necessary to implement the Los Angeles County Youth Reinvestment Grant program, subject to prior review and approval as to form by County Counsel.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services to either execute an agreement with a data system provider for the Youth Reinvestment Grant program, and/or amend the agreement with Eccovia, Inc., dba ClientTrack (ClientTrack) to facilitate the deployment of the ClientTrack case management system for the Youth Reinvestment Grant program; with amendments not to

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exceed Board approved funding for the Youth Reinvestment Grant program, and with all agreements and amendments subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel.

6. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services to retain a consultant to perform data collection and evaluation services during the term of the Youth Reinvestment Grant subject to prior review and approval by County Counsel.

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