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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)**

3. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S):** [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:

   A. Board Letter:
   ACCEPT AWARD OF TWO DOOR POP AND HEAT ALARM SYSTEMS FROM HERO K9 FOUNDATION
   Speaker(s): Keith Suarez and Colleen Murphy (Sheriff)

4. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

   A. Board Letter:
   REQUEST APPROVAL OF INCIDENTAL EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-22 AND 2022-23
   Speaker(s): Robert Smythe (Probation)

   B. Board Briefing:
   PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (POC) MONTHLY BRIEFING
   Speaker(s): Wendelyn Julien (POC)

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**
7. **UPCOMING ITEMS:**

A. Board Letter:
   SUPPLEMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR DNA CRIME
   LAB SERVICES BY AND BETWEEN COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND CITY OF LONG
   BEACH
   Speaker(s): Sean Yoshii and Micah Anozie (Sheriff's)

B. Board Briefing:
   OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY (ODR) MONTHLY BRIEFING
   Speaker(s): Peter Espinoza (ODR)

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July 20, 2021

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

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT AWARD OF TWO DOOR POP AND HEAT ALARM SYSTEMS FROM HERO K9 FOUNDATION (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Request Board approval authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department (Department) to accept an award of two door pop and heat alarm systems from Hero K9 Foundation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to accept an award of two door pop and heat alarm systems from Hero K9 foundation, for the Department’s Detective Division, Narcotics Bureau. There is no match requirement for this program.

2. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, to sign and submit all required award documents, including but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, modifications, and augmentations that may be necessary for the completion of this program.

3. Delegate authority to the Sheriff, or his designee, as an agent for the County, to apply and submit a door pop and heat alarm system application to Hero K9 foundation, for this program in the future and to execute all required application
documents, including assurances and certifications, when and if such future awards become available.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This award will provide two door pop and heat alarm systems for canines at the Department’s Detective Division, Narcotics Bureau. The systems will provide temperature monitoring equipment that is used in a canine vehicle. The systems help protect canines from heat trauma by alerting the handler when the temperatures reach a dangerous level inside the vehicle.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This program is consistent with the County’s Strategic Plan, Goal II, Foster Vibrant and resilient Communities, Strategic Plan II.2, Support the Wellness of Our Communities by providing ultimate protection for the Department’s canines.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact related to this grant. The Department will receive two door pop and heat alarm systems with no match requirement.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 7, 2019, the Department notified the Board of their intent to apply for the door pop and heat alarm systems from Hero K9 foundation. On November 20, 2019, the Department submitted an application to be the recipient of two door pop and heat alarm systems. On May 11, 2021, the Department was notified of the award.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This product will help improve the safety of our canines while they are in the vehicle kennels by allowing the handlers to monitor the temperature of the vehicle’s interior via an application on their cell phone. In the event the temperature reaches a level that is dangerous for the canines, the system will open the windows and sound the alarm. It will additionally send a text message to the handler’s cell phone to alert them of the danger. The system will automatically call the handler to alert them if the text is not responded to.
CONCLUSION

Upon Board approval, please return a copy of the adopted Board letter to the Department’s Grants Unit.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

TIMOTHY K. MURAKAMI
UNDERSHERIFF
July 20, 2021

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

REQUEST APPROVAL OF INCIDENTAL EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2021-22 AND 2022-23 (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Probation Department (Probation or Department) is requesting renewed approval to annually utilize Department appropriation to incur incidental expenses of up to $275,000, in addition to the $50,000 County standard, for a total of $325,000 during each of Fiscal Years (FY) 2021-22 and 2022-23. This funding provides for food and beverages and related sundry items for official functions, meetings, youth recognition events, and to host a potential conference with community-based organizations and industry leaders. Each expenditure is associated with County business aimed to improve the quality of public service, recognize youth achievement, engage youth in special event celebrations (e.g., birthdays, Juneteenth, and Cesar Chavez Day), foster collaboration with community-based organizations, and support the Department’s mission.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISOR (BOARD):

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer, or his designee, to expend up to $165,000, in addition to the $50,000 standard Department allocation, from the each of the Department’s FYs 2021-22 and 2022-23 appropriations to provide food and beverages at various official functions and meetings, and sundry expenses incidental to these events.

Rebuild Lives and Provide for Healthier and Safer Communities
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer, or his designee, to increase the food and beverage amount up to three percent, contingent on available funds, to provide for unanticipated official functions and meetings and extend this authority to FY 2022-23.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer, or his designee, to expend an additional amount not to exceed $110,000 in each of FYs 2021-22 and 2022-23 in incidental expenses from the Department’s appropriation to potentially host a second and third Countywide Reentry Conference for adults reentering the community, with a ten percent contingency for unforeseen expenses for each fiscal year, contingent on any changes to the current optimistic outlook of the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Instruct the Director of the Internal Services Department to collaborate with the Chief Probation Officer to procure a venue, food, beverages, and any other services incidental to Probation potentially hosting a second and/or third Countywide Reentry Conference for adults in FY 2021-22 and/or FY 2022-23.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

In August 2020, your Board approved a similar request to expend up to $274,980 in Department appropriation for official meetings and functions in FY 2020-21 to including the potential second annual Countywide Reentry Conference. As noted above, these expenditures are associated with County business aimed to improve the quality of public service, celebrate youth and adult client achievement, outreach to community-based organizations, and support the Department’s mission. Due to COVID-19, many of the intended events, including the second annual Countywide Reentry Conference, were not held.

The purposes of the recommended actions are to provide sufficient authorization to the Chief Probation Officer to expend up to $275,000, in each of FYs 2021-22 and 2022-23, of which $165,000 per annum is to provide food and beverages at official functions and meetings, and $110,000 per annum is to potentially host the second and third Countywide Reentry Conference for adults reentering the community, contingent on any changes to the current optimistic outlook of the COVID-19 pandemic and the availability of funds.

Examples of events include those that celebrate youth probationers and their family accomplishments, encourage family engagement activities, recognize adult client achievements at our community reentry centers, host special events within our juvenile halls and camps (e.g., youth birthdays, Juneteenth, Cesar Chavez, Mother’s/Father’s Day, etc.), community resource and job fairs, employee recognition events, and other occurrences/events supporting the Department’s mission.

The funds for food and beverages and sundry expenses incidental to the events are estimated to be spent per annum as follows:
• Potential Reentry Conference for Adults. ($110,000)
• Celebration of youth and family accomplishments through academic and sports banquets at camps. ($2,500)
• Family engagement activities and youth recognition at halls and camps. ($49,000)
• Community engagement and youth recognition at halls and camps by encouraging youth as they engage in activities that promote positive self-image. ($32,000)
• Youth cultural & educational excursions. ($7,000)
• Freedom School Week to promote cultural diversity. ($3,000)
• Youth graduation celebrations at camps and halls. ($10,000)
• Probation Services Appreciation Week. ($30,000)
• Department-wide annual awards ceremony (e.g., medals of valor/merit). ($12,000)
• Staff academy and leadership program graduations. ($10,000)
• College graduations for interns/service-learning program. ($2,500)
• Community resource and job fairs for adult probationers, community-based organizations, parents and legal guardians of youth probationers. ($7,000)

The Board’s authorization is requested to incur food, refreshments and other expenses incidental to the above meetings, functions and conference, that align with and support key Department initiatives for the benefit of the clients and communities Probation serves. The Department will work with the Internal Services Department to process procurement documentation in accordance with applicable policies and procedures.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions support the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal I: Make Investments That Transform Lives; and Goal III: Realize Tomorrow’s Government Today.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated food and beverage cumulative cost of approximately $165,000 for the various official functions and meetings will be funded by $68,000 (41%) in net County cost, and $97,000 (59%) in revenue, consisting of approximately $49,000 in State Juvenile Probation and State Juvenile Probation Camp funding, and $48,000 in Volunteers in Service to Others (VISTO) funds.
The estimated cost for the potential annual Countywide Reentry Conference of $110,000 will be fully revenue-offset by AB 109 funds and other resources that may include conference registration fees. No additional net County cost is required as sufficient funding is available in the Department’s FY 2021-22 Budget.

The total cumulative cost of approximately $275,000 is being requested for each of FYs 2021-22 and 2022-23 as an efficient means to streamline this process. Per existing policy, Incidental Expenses are periodically reported to the County Auditor-Controller which reports these costs through to the Board of Supervisors.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to County guidelines, the Department is subject to a $50,000 incidental expenses annual limit. The Board approved the Department’s similar requests in September 2015, June 2017, June 2018, July 2019, and August 2020. As part of Probation’s commitment to attract, develop, and maintain an exemplary and motivated workforce and enhance the culture of the Department, there is a continued need to provide food and beverages at official functions and meetings associated with County business that improve the quality of public service and support the Department’s mission. This request has been reviewed by the Chief Executive Office and County Counsel.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The provision of food and beverages and sundry items at events or meetings is essential to helping youth, their families, other participants and community members, new or newly promoted staff and their families, and others feel welcome and appreciated. Such appreciation increases camaraderie, level of engagement, morale, and teamwork. Approval of the recommended actions will improve the planning for events and streamline the process related to incurring incidental expenses by minimizing the need to address these types of requests individually.

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLFO GONZALES
Chief Probation Officer

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C: Executive Office
   Chief Executive Office
   County Counsel
   Auditor-Controller
   Internal Services Department
The mission of the Probation Oversight Commission (POC) is to re-imagine probation services in the County of Los Angeles to achieve accountability, transparency, and healing of the people served by and working for the Probation Department. The POC creates pathways for community engagement to foster trust between the community and the Probation Department. The POC ensures adherence to the highest ethics and the proper stewardship of public funds to support Probation in achieving the best outcomes for youth and adults on Probation.
Strategic Planning

- The Probation Oversight Commission’s (POC’s) strategic planning process is well underway. Each of the four ad hoc subcommittees has chosen a leader, scheduled a town hall to receive community input on the goals, and aligned the subcommittee’s goals with the reform priorities recommended by the PRIT (all 98 of them!) and the requirements of the DOJ settlement and Youth Justice Reimagined goals where appropriate. The division of the PRIT priorities by category is attached.

Collaboration with the Probation Department

- Communication with the Probation Department continues to function effectively and all requests for information have been received in a complete and timely manner.

Community Engagement – Town Halls

- The POC will offer at least four Town Halls this month to receive information from the public about the POC’s strategic planning efforts. We are actively seeking input from community members, youth and adults who have direct Probation experience, advocates and advocacy groups, and staff of Probation and other public agencies that serve the youth and families served by Probation.

  - Facility Conditions and Closures – July 13th 5:30 p.m.
  - Training, Personnel, and Management – July 15th 5:30 p.m.
  - Programs and Services (Adult/Youth) – July 1st 5:30 p.m.
  - Data and Research – June 30th 2:00 p.m.

- The distribution list for the POC includes over 3,200 people, an increase of nearly 300 people since last month. We average between 75-100 attendees at each meeting.

- POC Executive Director meets monthly with LAYUP (LA Youth Uprising Coalition) and regularly with other internal and external organizations.

Facility Inspections

- The POC is responsible under state law for inspecting all open juvenile halls and camps each calendar year. We are working with the state Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC) and the Probation Department to develop an inspection protocol and inspect all the open facilities within the next three months. The POC will share its inspection reports with CAR and the Board of Supervisors.

Recent Meetings:

April 22, 2021
- Report from PRIT leaders and strategic planning for the POC

May 13, 2021
- Report from Probation, PD & APD on the implementation of the Humphrey decision

May 27, 2021
- Report from Probation, PD & APD on the implementation of the Humphrey decision and Probation’s role in pre-trial assessments and electronic monitoring.

June 10, 2021
- Pre-trial assessments and electronic monitoring – further discussion with the PD, APD, DA, & Probation, on the implementation of the Humphrey decision.

Upcoming Meetings:

July 8, 2021
- OC Spray phase out plan - report from Probation, DMH, and LACOE regarding the plan to eliminate OC spray use in the Juvenile Halls.

July 22, 2021
- Report on Youth Justice Reimagined goals and synergy with POC goals.
## PRIT Reform Recommendations

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| **Improve recruitment and hiring practices necessary to attract and hire high quality candidates**
  - a. establish a recruitment unit to lead efforts and coordinate with HR and background investigations to ensure consistent communication.
  - b. revise job descriptions to focus on client services, evidence based practices, communication skills and use of data (p. 51) |
| **Renovate existing field offices to create community-oriented probation offices that reflect input of the community and the Department’s commitment to rehabilitation** (p. 12) |
| **Conduct full-scale evaluations of the various programs and services provided to Probation clients as part of the research, practice and policy feedback loop** (p. 25) |
| **Renegotiate agreement with AFSCME 685 bargaining unit, to address staffing, training**
  - a) restore the department’s ability to transfer staff to lateral positions to meet the needs of the dept./clients
  - b) eliminate the 56hr work week
  - c) make changes to the DSP/DPO hierarchy and process
  - d) allow the dept. to promote the most qualified candidates within a civil service band instead of mandating promotion (pp. 51-52) |
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