

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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REVISED MOTION - YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Approximately 10,500 juveniles are under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Most of these youth need a wide array of support to become self-sufficient and productive young adults. As a large employer of entry-level jobs, the County has the opportunity and ability to assist these young people become economically self-sufficient through programs designed by County departments. The Youth Opportunity Program pilot is one of these programs. Through a collaborative structure, which includes the Public Works and Probation departments as the leads, and other partnering County departments and community-based organizations, the Program provides youth ages 17 to 19 exiting the Probation system with job readiness and on-the-job training through a structured 18-month program that includes mentoring, case management, academic support, paid internships, and preparation to compete for a broad range of permanent entry-level positions within Public Works.

A critical component of the Program is the case management support that

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participating youth receive through two community-based organizations, Soledad Enrichment Action, Inc. (SEA) and the Girls and Gangs (G&G). G&G is in the process of merging with the Youth Policy Institute (YPI). For the next two years of the Program, SEA and YPI will provide case management support for up to eight young people. These services include, but are not limited to, one-on-one case management; job readiness and life skills training for youth; mentoring training for Public Works staff; and stipends for transportation and work clothing for youth.

The County Quality and Productivity Commission awarded Public Works a \$395,015 grant in August 2014 to assist in funding the Program through the duration of the pilot. Of this amount, \$206,150 is designated for case management services.

WE, THEREFORE, authorize the Department of Public Works to utilize Quality and Productivity Commission grant funds in the amount of \$206,150 to fund the performance by SEA and G&G, or its successor agency, of case management support services for the Youth Opportunity Program in Fiscal Years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

WE, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to execute funding agreements between the County and SEA and G&G, or its successor agency, in the amounts of \$103,075 to each organization for case management support services for the Youth Opportunity Program in Fiscal Years 2014-15 and 2015-16.