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Modernizing Probation Related Discretionary Funds

Every year, each Supervisorial District is responsible for allocating discretionary dollars from the Probation Department for services to youth in Probation custody, funds which the Probation Department administers and oversees. In the past fiscal year, those amounts were just over \$1 million dollars for each office dived between the County Delinquency Prevention Program (CDPP) and Anti-Gang Strategies Programs (Anti-Gang). The CCDPP and Anti-Gang money are currently only available to CBOs providing direct services to youth 18 and younger. The funds also roll over year to year, such that any unallocated funds can be used at the Supervisor's discretion in following periods.

According to the Chief Executive Office (CEO), these two buckets of funds originated from state funds, but have since been replaced by locally generated revenue, or NCC, as the state funds expired. The Probation Department, CEO, and County Counsel have been unable to locate documents that mandate the current funding criteria, which are believed to have been settled on in the 1980s.

As the Board has shifted its approach to youth justice, and been tasked with responsibility for former-DJJ youth between the ages of 18-24, the purpose of these funds should also change to best support the young people in our care. The County should

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have in place a modernized policy governing the use of these funds, to make sure the funds are available for all of the youth in Probation's care, and should consider the potential transfer of the administration of these funds to the Department of Youth Development in order to centralize the funding of community-based organizations that deliver services to justice-impacted youth.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in collaboration with the Chief Probation Officer and Director of the Department of Youth Development (DYD), to report back in writing in 60 days to the Public Safety Cluster with a proposed new, modernized policy to govern the CDPD and Anti-Gang funds including:
 - a. Expansion of the funds to serve the transition age population (TAY), with a recommendation on age cap;
 - b. Allowance of funds to be used toward costs not associated with direct services, such as administrative costs and especially those associated with less-restrictive placements and SYTF-specific step-down facilities;
 - c. Allowance of funds to be used towards capital projects that benefit targeted population of justice-involved TAY youth and at-risk TAY youth; and
 - d. Clarify that the funds continue to be divided equally amongst the Supervisorial Districts and made available as directed by the respective Supervisors.
2. Request that the CEO, in coordination with the Chief Probation Officer and the Director of the Department of Youth Development, bring this policy, after review at Public Safety Cluster, back to the Board of Supervisors for final approval no later

than 45 days after cluster review.

3. Direct County Counsel, in collaboration with the Chief Probation Officer, Chief Executive Office, and the Department of Youth Development, to also report back in writing in 60 days to the Public Safety Cluster on the feasibility of transferring the administration of the CDPP and Anti-Gang funds from the Probation Department to the Department of Youth Development, including costs associated. This report and presentation should also include CEO's analysis of the benefits and drawbacks of this potential transfer.

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