



**County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors
Agenda Item Submittal**

From: Health Services Agency: Behavioral Health Division
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Subject: Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program Funding

Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

Recommended Actions:

1. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Health Services Agency to accept the awarded Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program funds subject to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement, and authorize the County Administrative Officer or designee, the Health Services Agency Director, to sign the agreement and any related documents and amendments;
2. Approve a revenue agreement with the California Board of State and Community Corrections, Contract No. 21R0271, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the term of October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2024 for the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program; and
3. Adopt an AUD-60 resolution to accept and appropriate unanticipated revenue in the amount of \$248,022 from the California Board of State and Community Corrections for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Executive Summary

The California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is administering one-time funding to expand services through the Thriving Youth and Community (TYC) project to educate and prevent youth from engaging in cannabis use and engage system partners and cannabis businesses in community solutions towards this goal. The Health Services Agency (HSA) was awarded \$1,000,000 for the term of October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2024, and HSA is requesting approval to apply the funding to expand TYC services with designated sub-contractors.

Background

On June 2, 2020, the Board authorized the County of Santa Cruz to apply for Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program (Prop 64) funding, in the amount of \$1,000,000, administered by the California Board of State and Community Corrections to address the impacts of cannabis legalization through education and prevention of youth cannabis use and engaging system partners and cannabis businesses in community solutions towards this goal. On September 11, 2020, HSA received notification that Santa Cruz County was awarded the \$1,000,000 as requested, which is to be expended during the grant term of October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2024.

Analysis

Santa Cruz County School Districts and the County's Juvenile Probation program have requested support from HSA to address increasing volumes of referrals for cannabis vaping. School suspensions and processing youth through the juvenile justice system limit educational opportunities, causing youth to be further entrenched in the justice system. Many community partners serving youth and working to protect their wellbeing have stressed the need for prevention, intervention, and treatment services to address youth substance use disorder and misuse.

HSA will use a multi-system approach to leverage collaboration across agencies by engaging County agencies, schools, criminal justice partners and community health specialists. These grants funds will allow HSA to expand services through the TYC project.

TYC prevents youth substance use, misuse, and substance use disorder, and promotes healthy behaviors, supportive systems, and environments. TYC provides youth with leadership skills, prosocial activities, job training, and peer mentorship to increase protective factors among youth, and it connects them with resources in their school and community.

Youth using cannabis are diverted from suspension or arrest through a referral to the TYC Mobile Response Team (MRT) consisting of trained program specialists. Referrals are made through self-referral, parent/caregivers, probation/law enforcement, or school administration. Additionally, existing cannabis business partners will disseminate information about the TYC project and its MRT.

Upon referral, youth will be assessed to identify the appropriate diversion pathway:

- Pathway 1-Prevention: an eight-week, 1.5-hour program consisting of four weeks of Stanford Cannabis Awareness and Prevention Toolkit and four weeks of Integrated Youth Development (IYD) leadership and resiliency building skills to delay or decrease drug or alcohol use and other at-risk behaviors by building a "web of support" that cultivates caring and connected schools and communities;
- Pathway 2-Intervention: consists of the evidence based Seven Challenges Program with groups occurring once a week for 90-minute sessions lasting four to five months depending on the needs of the youth, in conjunction with IYD and an ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) assessment conducted every four weeks to determine whether the youth is in the appropriate level of care; and
- Pathway 3-Treatment: includes Project EX smoking/vaping cessation program consisting of eight 45-minute sessions over the course of six weeks and IYD.

Youth may participate simultaneously in Pathways 2 and 3. Upon completion of any of the pathways, youth will be connected to the Santa Cruz County Friday Night Live Partnership program (FNL), which offers peer mentorship, leadership, job/volunteer skills, local policy advocacy; and youth adult partnership opportunities. Additionally, school administrators and educators will be trained to build their systems and infrastructure for identifying and intervening in youth cannabis use.

The \$1,000,000 in Prop 64 funds will be expended over the course of three Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) and will be expended as follows for the following services:

Three - Year Summary	FFY 2020-21	FFY 2021-22	FFY 2022-23	TOTAL
Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance	\$135,550	\$139,481	\$143,531	\$418,562
California Institute for Invincible Youth	\$49,146	\$49,146	\$49,146	\$147,438
Applied Survey Research	\$16,800	\$16,800	\$16,800	\$50,400
Prevention Program Staff (existing)	\$107,200	\$107,200	\$107,200	\$321,600
Operations	\$22,000	\$21,000	\$19,000	\$62,000
Total	\$330,696	\$333,627	\$335,677	\$1,000,000

For County Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, Prop 64 funds are projected to be expended as follows:

County FY 2020-21	Estimated Amount
Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance	\$101,662
California Institute for Invincible Youth	\$ 36,860
Applied Survey Research	\$ 12,600
Prevention Program Staff (existing)	\$ 80,400
Operations & Other Costs	\$ 16,500
Total	\$248,022

Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance: Lead the rapid response team, conduct initial assessments, conduct EX cessation program, The Seven Challenges curriculum, and the cannabis prevention toolkit with students at participating middle and high schools.

California Institute of Invincible Youth: Provide Integrative Youth Development (IYD)TM framework as part of the rapid response team with youth participants at schools and in the community.

Applied Survey Research: Provide program evaluation and outcome reporting.

Prevention Program Staff: Oversee the TYC project, including: project development and management; monitor and evaluate staff and contractors effectiveness, accountability and alignment with project goals and objectives, delivery of services and program

quality; train and support staff and key stakeholders; coordinate, monitor and evaluate implementation of work plan; monitor fidelity to evidence based strategies; manage grant budget and track expenditures, accounts payable and receivable, ensure compliance with grant fiscal requirements, and negotiate and prepare contract agreements; provide project and program implementation oversight and track and monitor staff and contractor reporting; support outreach, coordination and implementation of grant deliverables; TYC quarterly meeting coordination, agenda and minutes compilation and distribution; interface with Community Prevention Partners, and support development of community cannabis prevention education and TYC message development.

Operations and Other Costs: Estimated expenses include printing program participant materials, community education materials, program promotional materials, and evaluation reports; stipends for participating youth, travel, and training costs.

Financial Impact

The Prop 64 grant award is \$1,000,000 for a three-year term period of which \$248,022 is being accepted and appropriated for County FY 2020-21 under account 364022/40894/H53001.

Strategic Plan Element

1.D (Comprehensive Health & Safety: Behavioral Health) - HSA's participation in the Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program provide opportunities for youth cannabis education and prevention through peer and community engagement. Participation increases awareness of the dangers of substance use with the goal of prevention and harm reduction throughout the community.

Submitted by:

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Recommended by:

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Attachments:

- a Resolution Authorizing Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program Participation
- b Contract #21R0271 Board of State and Community Corrections
- c Contract #21R0271 Appendix B Board of State and Community Corrections (eSign)
- d Resolution AUD60 Proposition 64 Public Health and Safety Grant Program
- e ADM29 21R0271