

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin **FROM:** Guillermo Cespedes

City Administrator Chief, Department of Violence Prevention

SUBJECT: Grant Agreement to Pilot **DATE:** July 11, 2021

Juvenile Gang Intervention Services

City Administrator Approval Jul 14, 2021

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends That City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To:

- 1) Accept And Appropriate A Second Chance Act Grant In An Amount Not To Exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars From the United States Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice And Delinquency Prevention; And
- 2) Award A Grant In An Amount Not To Exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) To East Bay Asian Youth Center Inc. To Pilot A Juvenile Gang Intervention Program from July 1, 2021 to December 30, 2022 Using Second Change Act Grant Funds Awarded to the City of Oakland.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff recommends a resolution to award a grant agreement for up to \$125,000 with existing grantee East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC). The DVP has been the sub-receipt of a 2nd Chance Act Grant from the United States Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in partnership with Alameda County Probation (ACP) since 2019. Approval of the proposed resolution will allow EBAYC to provide intensive life coaching on behalf of the DVP to improve outcomes for gang involved juveniles and meet federal requirements to complete the final contract year which concludes in December 2022.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Resolution No. 87756 C.M.S., authorized the City's acceptance and appropriation of an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) "Second Chance" grant in the annual

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amount of \$100,000 from Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD) to pilot a juvenile gang intervention program through October 31, 2022.

Resolution No. 87835 C.M.S. amended Resolution No. 87756 C.M.S. and awarded East Bay Asian Youth Center the OJJDP Second Chance Pilot grant for (FY) 2019-20.

Resolution No. 88248 C.M.S. authorized the 2nd year grant renewal for EBAYC to manage the pilot project through fiscal year 2020-2021.

ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES

The current contract with East Bay Asian Youth Center expired on June 30,2021. ACP and the federal funder are eager to continue the final and third year of implementation to provide prerelease services to gang-involved youth and prevent a disruption in service.

The DVP and ACP launched a three-year pilot project in 2019 to provide intensive wrap-around support to gang involved juveniles leaving the transition center with a dedicated probation officer and DVP life coach to improve outcomes upon release. The pilot program has successfully served 30 gang involved youth since 2019, which has resulted in school placement, academic re-reengagement, youth employment, strengthen family support, increased protective risk factors such as positive peer support, and completion of terms of probation. Without continuation, service will come to an abrupt halt until the contract is executed

FISCAL IMPACT

The total projected cost of the pilot program from July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 is \$125,000. The recommended award will be supported by \$125,000 in Second Chance Grant Department of Justice Fund (2112), Violence Prevention Administration (70211), OJJDP Project (1005116).

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The Department of Violence Prevention conducted an intensive public input and planning process to develop the approved Oakland Unite 2019-2021 Spending Plan which identified the need to provide pre-release life coaching support to gang involved youth before they exit the Juvenile Justice Transition Center.

COORDINATION

This report and legislation have been reviewed by the Budget Bureau and City Attorney's Office.

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The pilot project has worked with 30 gang involved juveniles since 2019 which has resulted in school enrollment, improved academic performance, job training and placement, positive peer relations, strengthened family engagement and completion of probation.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Programs for Oakland youth affected by gang violence will improve their long-term economic stability through recidivism reduction and educational achievement.

Environmental: Expanding social services and improving opportunities for youth impacted by gangs helps make marginalized communities safer, healthier, and stronger.

Race and Social Equity: The pilot program will focus on serving low-income youth of color most impacted by violence and seeks to achieve greater social equity by improving school performance, expanding employment opportunities and providing comprehensive support.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution:

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Peter Kim at 510-238-2374.

Respectfully submitted,

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