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## **ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

November 6, 2012

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Administration Building  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Board Members:

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION FOR YEAR TWO PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT FUNDS.**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Receive and accept recommendations for the allocation and expenditure of Year Two Public Safety Realignment funds from the Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCPEC); and
2. Approve the procurement principles for Year Two expenditures outlined in the Selection Criteria section below.

**SUMMARY & DISCUSSION:**

The 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act transferred responsibility for supervision of three offender populations from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to local detention and community corrections. As a result, impacts to the Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney, Public Defender and other public and private service providers were realized through increased client populations.

On November 22, 2011, your board approved the Year One Realignment Implementation Plan submitted by the CCPEC. The plan provided a summary of Realignment, effects of Realignment on local government sectors, essential factors in the local approach to supervising the realigned population, basic services proposed for the treatment of the realigned population, and a proposed allocation for state Realignment funding.

First year Realignment funding, totaling \$9.2 million, was inadequate to fund the necessary activities related to Realignment implemented by County departments or the community agencies with which they partner. Through significant advocacy, engaged in by the County Administrator and leaders from other participating counties, a revised two-year funding formula was crafted. As a result, the County's Realignment allocation for implementation years two and three will total \$29.2 million annually.

The CCPEC has adopted a set of three guiding goals for the activities of Year Two Realignment; in so doing, a framework for the development of County Realignment funding priorities has been established. These goals are:

***Protect the public through transparent and accountable administration and service:*** the CCPEC recognizes the scope and scale of increased supervision and case work responsibilities associated with the Realigned population. As such, the CCPEC recommends the use of \$23.85 million in Year Two funds towards the support of detention and community supervision activities. These activities include staffing and programming in both custody and community settings designed to promote and sustain offender rehabilitation.

***Ensure effective and supportive transitions from detention to the community:*** the CCPEC recommends the utilization of \$2.85 million for transition services which are designed to provide a continuum between extensive in-custody services and supports and their community-based counterparts.

***Develop innovative and therapeutic supports for clients focused on health, housing, and improving access to family sustaining employment:*** the CCPEC recommends the utilization of \$2.5 million to support behavioral health care, housing, and employment services.

The suggested allocation of Realignment funding can also be viewed in terms of institutional, versus community-based, Public Safety investments. When broken down in those terms, the CCPEC is recommending an allocation of \$25.1 million for institutional partners, addressing direct client services provided by the Probation Department, District Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff, and \$4.1 million in direct support of community-based providers serving clients in the following areas:

- Behavioral Health Services - \$1.6M
- Innovations in Corrections - \$1.0M
- Employment Programs - \$.75M
- Housing Programs - \$.75M

Year Two community-based provider investments build upon an infrastructure established in Year One, and will specifically augment contracts for employment and housing services made earlier this calendar year. Thus, the current year realized benefit to Realigned clients with respect to these services will actually be comprised of both the allocation levels noted above *and* prior year investments supporting existing contractual providers.

The CCPEC, in conjunction with community members and organizations participating in an established planning process involving CCPEC sub-committees, is currently developing a detailed operational plan with respect to each of the goals and related funding priorities. Upon completion and approval by the CCPEC, the County's Year Two Realignment Implementation Plan will be brought forward for consideration by your Board.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

As noted above, a significant portion of the County's Year Two allocation has been identified for support of community-based services. Under separate cover, the Health Care Services Agency is submitting a detailed board letter for your consideration regarding distribution of Innovations in Corrections funding through a Realignment Innovations Fund administered by the Private Ventures Foundation.

In addition to the procurement strategy identified for distribution of Innovations funding, the CCPEC has also developed principles applicable to the balance of funding to be distributed to community-based providers including:

- Maximization of the use of contract enhancement;
- Utilization of multi-year contracting models;
- Recognition of other public procurements; and
- Utilization of applicable existing fast-track procurement processes

The intent behind these contracting principles is to address the concurrent goals of expediting the dissemination of Realignment funding to community-based providers in the current year and continuing to support Board direction and policy as related to competitive procurements and small, local and emerging businesses.

## FINANCING:

The expenditures as detailed in the foregoing result in no increased net county cost. All expenditures are funded through state revenue provided by statute through the Realignment Act for Public Safety.

Very truly yours,



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cc: County Administrator  
County Counsel  
Auditor- Controller  
Administrative/Financial Services, Probation