

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: PROBATION DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Application to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for the Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative FY 2010.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit the Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiative Grant to the Department of Justice;
- 2) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign all grant application submission and grant award documents.

BACKGROUND: The Probation Department's grant application is proposing a partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE) to provide specialized mentoring services to a targeted population of youthful offenders as they are released from their first time in a juvenile facility. The proposed program will bring these juveniles together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement during their supervision. After release from incarceration, many young offenders return to the environments that helped create their problems and do not have caring, mature adults to guide them through the challenges they face.

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PBR-23-09/10: TF

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Chief Probation Officer

FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	No
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	No
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2009/10

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal 100%

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Elizabeth J. Olson*
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County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Neal R. Kipnis* DATE: 4/7/10
Departmental Concurrence

Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

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Structured, trained and managed community mentoring partnerships and collaboratives increase the juvenile's chances of staying out of trouble and reoffending. The Probation Department and RCOE currently administer successful mentoring services through different programs in many cities throughout Riverside County.

This grant will target mentoring services in the Coachella Valley for youth in the cities of Indio, Coachella, Thermal, and Salton and the unincorporated county. Mentoring services will include education, job-related training, and after school programs for 16-18 year olds as they leave from their first time in court ordered detention. Other programs within the department provide supportive services and mentors to juveniles who display problem behavior at school (Youth Accountability Teams) or have been arrested once (Youth Advisory Boards). This grant will provide services to the next level of offender as he or she is released from their first stay in a Juvenile Hall.

Juveniles that are able to return home when released from an institution will have a greater chance to succeed if they have supervision provided by their probation officers coupled with assigned volunteer mentors and programs in place for them to reduce their risk of reoffending.

These include:

- › Providing the juvenile with mentors and mentor teams such as a community individual, job coach, vocational training instructor or employer
- › Tutoring for their school work
- › Using RCOE space and programs in the Coachella Valley for vocational training and mentorship activities
- › Healthy recreational activities
- › Job exploration and volunteering
- › Time management skills
- › Gang intervention classes
- › Parenting projects with incentives to help the parents learn different parenting methods

The Probation Department will use the existing Youth Advisory Boards (YAB) and Youth Accountability Teams (YAT) as samples of structure, contacts, training curriculum, procedures and volunteers. RCOE will also tap existing internal resources such as foster youth resource staff and their existing mentorship programs. Together, Probation and RCOE will recruit and train volunteer mentors to support this special targeted population of youthful offenders as they leave a juvenile hall after their first confinement.

This OJJDP grant will be for \$625,000 for 3 years. These will be one-time awards to cover the entire project costs. All costs associated with this project will be grant funded. There are sufficient funds in the department's budget to cover the match requirements.

County Counsel has approved this document as to form.