

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

848



FROM: Probation Department

SUBMITTAL DATE:  
August 31, 2011

SUBJECT: Acceptance of FY 11/12 Desert Strength Academy Grant Award

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept the grant award of \$10,648 from the Anderson Children's Foundation and sign any necessary documents to accept the grant;

**BACKGROUND:** The Probation Department is requesting approval to accept the FY 11/12 Desert Strength Academy Grant Award of \$10,648 from the Anderson Children's Foundation. The Probation Department received a grant in Fiscal Year 09/10 and in Fiscal Year 10/11 that created and continued the Desert Strength Academy to serve at-risk youth across the Coachella Valley.

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Alan M. Crogan, Chief Probation Officer

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$10,648	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	11/12
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS:</b> Anderson Children's Foundation				<b>Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
				<b>Requires 4/5 Vote</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY:   
Elizabeth J. Olson

County Executive Office Signature

Policy ☒

Consent ☒

Dep't Recomm.: ☒  
Per Exec. Ofc.: ☐

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 3.59-7/27/2010

District: 4, 5

Agenda Number:

3.69

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL  
BY: NEAL R. KIPNIS  
DATE: 8/29/11

The Riverside County Probation Department was awarded funding for the Desert Strength Academy in 2009 with the goal of providing positive programming to at-risk middle school youths. Based on exceptional performance for the first year, the grant amount was increased and awarded again in FY 10/11 to provide services for additional at-risk youth. This second year of funding expanded the program to five academies that served 132 at-risk middle school youth and 102 parents in Indio, Coachella, and Palm Springs. Youths were referred through the Probation Department's Youth Accountability Team (YAT) program as well as through local School Districts. The Probation Department intends to use the grant award received for FY 11/12 to facilitate four Desert Strength Academy's to service 144 minors and 60 parents in the cities of Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, Cathedral City, Palm Desert, La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, Thermal and Mecca.

The goal of the Desert Strength Academy is to foster personal growth through daily structured activities and routine in a day-camp setting that includes breakfast, physical fitness and agility exercises, educational classes and lectures, teambuilding activities and reflection built around the 40 Developmental Assets, identified through the Search Institute.

The Desert Strength Academy also provides scholarships for parents of the youth to attend a bilingual Parenting Academy. "The Parent Project" is designed to educate parents and provide the practical and emotional support they need to change destructive adolescent behavior.

Grant funds and volunteers support the Academy. No additional net county cost will be required and there is no County match requirement.

County Counsel has approved this document as to form.