

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



**ITEM: 3.31
(ID # 24825)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 21, 2024

FROM : PROBATION:

SUBJECT: PROBATION DEPARTMENT: Accept the Grant Award Notification and Ratify and Approve the Standard Agreement for the California Health and Human Services, Office of Youth and Community Restoration for the Less Restrictive Placement Grant; All Districts. [\$2,000,000; 100% Office of Youth and Community Restoration Grant]

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Grant Award Notification from the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and Ratify and Approve the Standard Agreement with the OYCR, substantially conforming in form and substance to the attached template agreement, to receive the lump sum from the Less Restrictive Placement (LRP) Grant Award in the total amount of \$2,000,000 for the period of June 1, 2024, through June 1, 2026;
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer, or designee, to execute and administer the Standard Agreement with the OYCR on behalf of the County, and future ministerial amendments thereto, as approved as to form by County Counsel, and to sign necessary documents and reports related to the administration of this grant, based on availability of fiscal funding with the condition that all funds received will not be used to supplant expenditures; and
3. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to make budget adjustments as outlined in the attached Schedule A for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy


Christopher Wright, Chief Probation Officer 4/29/2024

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 21, 2024
xc: Probation

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost
COST	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0
NET COUNTY COST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Office of Youth and Community Restoration Grant 100%			Budget Adjustment:	Yes
			For Fiscal Year:	24/25

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

On September 30, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill (SB) 823 (Chapter 337, Statutes of 2020), which began the closure of the state's Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), realigning those state functions to county governments. Under SB 823, DJJ intake closed for most youth on July 1, 2021, and counties then became fully responsible for housing, programming, and treatment of youth at higher offense and needs levels who can no longer be committed to DJJ.

As part of SB 823 (Chapter 337, Statutes of 2020), the State established the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) within the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS) in July 2021. The purpose of the office is to support the successful implementation of the transition of the responsibility of justice involved youth from the State to counties, which includes on-going programming and interventions. To assist youth in Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTF) transition quickly to less restrictive programs, OYCR awarded a round of funding to county probation departments and community partners that demonstrated innovative approaches through the Less Restrictive Placement (LRP) Grant.

The Probation Department (Probation) operates the Alan M. Crogan Youth Treatment and Education Center (YTEC), a juvenile institution, that operates a trauma-informed approach for incarcerated youth, ultimately moving them to a lesser restrictive option culminating with a seamless transition back to the community. With the assistance of the \$2,000,000 in funding from the LRP grant, Probation's Pathways to Success (PTS) program located at YTEC will address the negative consequences of long-term incarceration, with transitioning youth swiftly and consistently with public safety to the less restrictive programs in a non-carceral setting that encompass employment, behavior health, and culturally relevant services.

PTS provides a continuum of care program, providing in-custody services, along with comprehensive re-entry plans for each youth to support the transition into the community by progressing from secured track with a goal of moving into an LRP. The youth can transition into a LRP as soon as appropriate, which can be as early as a year into their program. Since this population is considered serious and with a high level of treatment needs, Probation collaboratively works with the county partners, state, and community organizations to provide effective programs leading to educational advancement, employment and life skills, pro-social activities through recreational settings, and an overall therapeutic living environment. PTS

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focuses on providing rehabilitation comprised of education, vocational training, programming, and treatment. The collaborative partnerships are outlined in the OYCR-LRP Standard Agreement.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

This grant provides the needed resources to assist with identifying and disseminating best practices to help inform rehabilitative and restorative youth practices, including education, diversion, re-entry, and victims' services to develop and expand local youth diversion opportunities. Ultimately supporting youth to be better equipped to transition back into their communities and reduce recidivism.

ATTACHMENTS:

Schedule A – OYCR Less Restrictive Placement (LRP) grant
Grant Agreement Template



Rebecca S. Cortez, Principal Management Analyst 5/10/2024



Aaron Gettis, Chief of Deputy County Counsel 5/8/2024

SCO ID: 0530-2023366OYCR

CLERK'S COPY

to Riverside County Clerk of the Board, Stop 1010

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

STANDARD AGREEMENT

STD 213 (Rev. 04/2020)

AGREEMENT NUMBER **2023-366-OYCR** Post Office Box 143, Riverside, Ca 92502-1147
Thank you **Exempt** AGENCY NUMBER (If Applicable)

1. This Agreement is entered into between the Contracting Agency and the Contractor named below:

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME

California Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Youth and Community Restoration

CONTRACTOR NAME

County of Riverside

2. The term of this Agreement is:

START DATE

February 1, 2024

THROUGH END DATE

February 1, 2026

3. The maximum amount of this Agreement is:

\$2,000,000.00 (Two million dollars and zero cents)

4. The parties agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the following exhibits, which are by this reference made a part of the Agreement.

Exhibits	Title	Pages
Exhibit A	Statement of Work	5
Exhibit B	Budget and Payment Details	2
Exhibit C *	General Terms and Conditions (GTC 04/2017)	1
+ -	Exhibit D	Less Restrictive Programs Detail for Riverside County
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Items shown with an asterisk (*), are hereby incorporated by reference and made part of this agreement as if attached hereto.
 These documents can be viewed at <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources>

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES HERETO.

CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR NAME (if other than an individual, state whether a corporation, partnership, etc.)

County of Riverside

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL

BY: BRADEN J. HOLLY 5/7/24

CONTRACTOR BUSINESS ADDRESS

PO Box 833

CITY	STATE	ZIP
Riverside	CA	92502

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

Christopher H. Wright

TITLE
Chief Probation Officer

CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CONTRACTING AGENCY NAME

California Health and Human Services, Office of Youth and Community Restoration

CONTRACTING AGENCY ADDRESS

1215 O Street, Floor 11

CITY	STATE	ZIP
Sacramento	CA	95814

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

Sonia Herrera

TITLE
Deputy Director of Administrative Services

CONTRACTING AGENCY AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE SIGNED

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES APPROVAL

EXEMPTION (If Applicable)
Exempt per Welfare and Institutions Code 2200 (k).

EXHIBIT A – STATEMENT OF WORK

This Grant Agreement (Agreement) reflects the consideration or services to be provided by County of Riverside, Probation Department (Riverside or Grantee) for the California Health and Human Services Agency, Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR or State). A detailed description of the services or consideration can be found in the Section 5 Scope of Services or Consideration.

This Agreement is governed by and incorporates by reference General Terms and Conditions (GTC 04/2017) and Contractor Certification Clause (CCC 04/2017) which can be found at the link below:

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Legal-Services-resources-List-Folder/Standard-Contract-Language>

1. BACKGROUND

The legislation creating Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs), Senate Bill 92, also gave courts the ability to commit youth to less restrictive programs to facilitate safe and successful reintegration of youth into the community. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 875(f)(1).) Less restrictive programs or placements (LRPs) can be halfway houses, camps or ranches, or community residential or nonresidential programs, including home-based or educational-based placements. Youth are placed in LRPs as part of their confinement time. (Welf. & Inst. Code § 875(f)(1).) OYCR recommends that because of the negative consequences of long-term incarceration, youth should be transitioned as swiftly as consistent with public safety to the less restrictive programs in a non-carceral setting that encompass employment, behavior health, and culturally relevant services. The process of transitioning may be a series of increasingly less restrictive programs.

OYCR is providing grants to interested county probation departments to demonstrate approaches for LRP transitions. OYCR funds are expected to be used to support partnerships with community-based service providers that will help individual youth in the transition through less restrictive programs and settings, and to directly help the youth meet their own needs after transition to home or community living while still completing their commitment term.

This grant funding is intended to support the development of LRPs pursuant to Welf. & Inst. Code § 875(f), which are ordered by the court. Movement to units with more privileges within an SYTF are not LRPs, but OYCR will consider funding transitions from SYTFs to LRPs through furloughs of increasing duration for youth currently in SYTFs with the intention of being part of future transitions to community based unlocked LRPs. OYCR will also consider funding LRP pathways via placement in ranch or camp settings if such placements are part of future transitions to community based unlocked LRPs.

Features of OYCR Grant-funded LRPs:

- Intentionality – The potential pathways from SYTF to LRP will be identified, along with the resources available or needed.
- Individuality – Secure and less secure programs and settings must be trauma informed, culturally and gender responsive, provide quality behavioral health programs, engage families often, and provide a behavioral management program that is tailored to a youth and consistently applied.
- Preparation – Prior to transitions to LRPs, youth should be familiarized with expectations of the LRP and/or phases of the LRP. Also prior to the LRP transition, youth should be enrolled in all benefits with warm hand-offs to public service systems. As CalAIM Justice Initiative commences, the probation system should consider whether existing behavioral health services, 90-day in-reach services, and specialty mental health/SUD services in the community are sufficiently aligned to support consistency of care. Other preparatory steps might include banking, transit assistance, enrollment in health plans, and collation of documents needed for school/vocational matriculation, etc.
- Accountability – While youth in LRPs will be supported by lived experience professionals and behavioral health professionals as needed, they will be overseen by probation and the court.
- Age-appropriate – Youth under the age of 18 that can be placed in an LRP should be placed at home with robust, multi-disciplinary quality services that allow for continued accountability, oversight, lived experience mentoring and economic support if needed. In some circumstances placement with non-parent kin may be more appropriate, and robust family-finding should always be undertaken when youth enter the justice system. In limited circumstances, STRTP or THP-Plus may be considered an option.
- Youth placed in LRPs will be provided income assistance as needed, including directed housing payments and monthly stipends payable to the youth, calculated based on local costs, youth age, etc.

OYCR solicited California counties to apply for funding to demonstrate successful transition for youth from Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) placement to Less Restrictive Programs (LRP). Riverside County responded. Following discussions between OYCR and Riverside, this grant is provided to support the transitions youth from SYTF to LRP settings over a two-year period. The individual transitions to LRP status are subject to judicial approvals. Additional detail on the proposed transitions is provided in Exhibit D – Less Restrictive Programs Detail for Riverside County.

2. TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence on February 1, 2024 (Effective Date) and continue through February 1, 2026.

3. WORK LOCATION

The Grantee will perform the services described in this Agreement at their county office or at a remote location approved by their county.

4. MAXIMUM AMOUNT PAYABLE

The maximum amount payable for this Agreement is \$2,000,000. Additional cost and invoicing details are in Exhibit B, Budget and Payment Details.

5. SCOPE OF SERVICES OR CONSIDERATION

Under the direction from the OYCR Engagement Manager, the Grantee shall provide the following services or consideration for the grant funds.

Grant funds are expected to be used to support the identified youth in their transitions to LRP and community living status, specifically to include income support, housing costs, transportation, education and vocational programs, and needed supportive services.

Task Group 1 - Quarterly Reporting	
1.1	<p>The Grantee shall submit Quarterly Reports that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Grant activities performed during the quarter. b) Cumulative grant activities performed during the term of the grant. c) Grant Funds disbursed by the Grantee, including amount, purpose, and recipient. <p>Note: Grant funds are intended to support the identified youths' transitions to and living expenses in LRPs and community, including income supports, housing costs, transportation, education and vocational programs, and needed supportive services.</p>
1.2	<p>The Grantee shall collaborate with the Office of Youth and Community Restoration to design a mutually agreeable process to track and provide information, data, evaluation and outcomes regarding the impact of the programs supported by the grant funds, consistent with youth privacy, and shall provide OYCR with the agreed upon information.</p>

6. DELIVERABLES OR REPORTING

Item	Deliverable Title	Task Number	Due to OYCR
1	Quarterly Report	1.1	Quarterly
2	Evaluation and Outcomes data and summary	1.2	Per Quarterly Report

7. POINTS OF CONTACT

The table below shows the points of contact for each party for this engagement. This information may be changed upon mutual consent of both parties without the need for an amendment.

Grantee Engagement Manager:	
Name, Title:	Kathleen Arias, Supervising Probation Officer
Phone Number:	(951) 358-4325
E-mail address:	KArias@rivco.org
Name, Title:	Rachel Ligtenberg, Riverside County Probation Division Director
Phone Number:	(951) 955-9469
E-mail address:	RLigtenb@rivco.org

OYCR Engagement Manager:	
Name, Title:	Hilary Gayhart, Regional Specialist
Address:	Office of Youth and Community Restoration 925 L Street, Suite 1205, Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone Number:	(916) 651-0423
E-mail address:	Hilary.Gayhart@chhs.ca.gov

8. PROBLEM ESCALATION

The parties acknowledge and agree that certain problems or issues may arise, and that such matters shall be brought to the State's attention. Problems or issues shall normally be reported in regular status reports or in-person meetings. However, there may be instances where the severity of the problem justifies escalated reporting. To this extent, the State Engagement Manager shall determine the level of severity, and notify the appropriate State staff, as set forth below. The State staff notified, and the period taken to report the problem or issue shall be at a level commensurate with the severity of the problem or issue. The State personnel include, but are not limited to, the following:

First level, OYCR LRP Lead, Will Lightbourne
Second level, OYCR Deputy Director, Alani Jackson

9. EXECUTIVE ORDER N-6-22 – RUSSIA SANCTIONS

On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. The EO directs state agencies to terminate contracts with, and to refrain from entering any new contracts with, individuals or entities that are determined to be a target of Economic Sanctions. Accordingly, should the State determine Grantee is a target of Economic

Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for termination of this agreement. The State shall provide Grantee advance written notice of such termination, allowing Grantee at least 30 calendar days to provide a written response. Termination shall be at the sole discretion of the State.

10. GRANTEE STAFF EXPENSES

The Grantee represents that it has or shall secure at its own expense, all staff required to perform the services described in this Agreement.

11. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be liable to the other for any delay in or failure of performance, nor shall any such delay in or failure of performance constitute default, if such delay or failure is caused by "Force Majeure." As used in this section, "Force Majeure" is defined as follows: Acts of war and acts of God such as earthquakes, floods, and other natural disasters such that performance is impossible.

EXHIBIT B - BUDGET AND PAYMENT DETAILS

1. INVOICE AND PAYMENT

- a) Upon execution of this Grant Agreement, the Grantee shall submit invoices to the OYCR (or the designated 3rd Party for advance payments as shown in Table B-1 below.

Table B-1: Invoice Schedule

Invoice	Performance Period	Estimated Invoice Date	Advance Payment Amount
1	Year 1	February 2024	\$1,000,000
2	Year 2	June 2024	\$1,000,000
Maximum Amount Payable			\$2,000,000

- b) Payment shall be made in accordance with the State of California's Prompt Payment Act (Government Code § 927 et seq.).
- 1) Invoices must be submitted via email and must contain the following in the subject line:
 - Agreement Number # 2023-366-OYCR
 - County Invoice Number
 - 2) Invoice must be in PDF format and contain the following information:
 - I. Grantee's letterhead.
 - II. Signature from authorized company official.
 - III. Agreement Number 2023-366-OYCR.
 - IV. Invoice Amount.
 - V. Description of anticipated services.
 - 3) Any other supporting documentation as required in this Agreement must be submitted with the invoice.

2. TRAVEL

If Travel is allowed as part of this grant, costs shall not exceed State rates current at the time of order placement and shall be made in accordance with the provisions established in the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR) Human Resources Manual (e.g., section 2203) and any applicable CalHR travel regulations (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 2, § 599.615 et seq.), as applied to represented employees and limited to actual costs incurred.

3. BUDGET CONTINGENCY CLAUSE

It is mutually agreed that if the Budget Act of the current year and/or any subsequent years covered under this Agreement does not appropriate sufficient funds for the services and deliverables covered by this Agreement, this Agreement shall be of no

further force and effect. In this event, the State shall have no further liability to pay any funds whatsoever to the Grantee or to furnish any other considerations under this Agreement and the Grantee shall not be further obligated to perform any provisions of this Agreement.

If funding for any fiscal year is reduced or deleted by the Budget Act for purposes of this program, the State shall have the option to either cancel this Agreement with no further liability occurring to the State or offer an Agreement amendment to the Grantee to reflect the reduced amount.

4. GRANTEE OVERPAYMENTS

If the State or Grantee determines that an overpayment has been made to the Grantee, the State will seek recovery immediately upon discovery of the overpayment by contacting the Grantee to request a refund or credit of the overpayment amount. If the Grantee refund or credit is not received within thirty (30) days from the date of the State's notice, the State shall offset subsequent Grantee payments by the amount of the overpayment. If Grantee discovers it has received an overpayment Grantee shall notify the State and refund the overpayment immediately.

5. ADVANCE PAYMENT

Nothing herein contained shall preclude advance payments pursuant to the Government Code, Article 1, Chapter 3, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2. Advance payments shall be in accordance with Section 8453 of the State Administrative Manual and Government Code, Section 11257.

6. TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE

This Agreement may be terminated without cause by the OYCR after a 30-day written notice to the other party. Such notification shall state the effective date of termination or cancellation and include any final performance and/or payment/invoicing instructions or requirements.

The Grantee shall be entitled to payment of all allowable costs authorized under this Agreement and incurred up to the date of termination or cancellation, including authorized non-cancelable obligations, provided such expenses do not exceed the stated maximum amounts payable.

EXHIBIT C - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The general terms and conditions (GTC 04/2017) will be included in the contract by reference to the internet site:

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/OLS/Resources/Page-Content/Office-of-Legal-Services-Resources-List-Folder/Standard-Contract-Language>

EXHIBIT D – Less Restrictive Programs Detail for Riverside County



RIVERSIDE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT
Serving Courts • Protecting Our Community • Changing Lives



July 24, 2023

Office of Youth and Community Restoration
OYCR@dhcs.ca.gov
Attn: OYCR Less Restrictive Programs Grant

RE: Letter of Interest for OYCR Less Restrictive Programs grant

To Whom It May Concern,

Riverside County Probation Department's (RCP) *Pathways to Success* (PTS) program, is committed to reducing recidivism for the secured track juveniles committed to the PTS program by creating a rehabilitative, health-focused, and care first system within a secured environment for youth. As this population is considered serious and with a high level of treatment needs, RCP collaboratively works with the county partners, state, and community organizations to provide effective programs leading to educational advancement, employment and life skills, pro-social activities through recreational settings, and an overall therapeutic living environment. PTS focuses on providing rehabilitation comprised of education, vocation training, programming, and treatment. A crucial component of the process is the youth transitioning into a step-down program to demonstrate the skills to reintegrate into the community successfully.

It is with this in mind; RCP is submitting this Letter of Intent to apply for funding through the OYCR Less Restrictive Programs (LRP) grant. PTS is dedicated to providing a continuum of care program, providing in-custody services, along with comprehensive re-entry plans for each youth to support the transition into the community by progressing from secured track with a goal of moving into phase four of PTS's program of an LRP. It is hoped the youth can transition into a LRP as soon as appropriate, which can be an earlier as a year into their program. PTS is excited about expanding LRP alternatives, as we are also creating a contract with Pine Grove Fire Camp, to supply the youth with options tailored to their goals with an array of services to support the success of our youth.

PTS anticipates having 5-10 youth in the less restrictive programs in the first year with an additional 10-15 in subsequent years. This LRP would be an incentive for the youth to work towards while in secured track and allow them to continue to receive life skills and treatment in a live experience with more access to the community and opportunities.

Such services will include:

A. Coordination with community service providers through in-reach to help prepare youth for LRP transitions:

- **Chapman University Mediation:** Is a three-pronged approach, for conflict resolution, restorative justice, and transitioning youth into the community, with regards to conflict and decision making. Track 1 is the *Conflict Resolution and Mediation* Program which teaches youth the necessary skills to creative problem-solve under principles of believing and acting in a non-violent society. Further, it will adjust to the youth's learning levels. Track 2 is the *Restorative Justice* program with resolution services. The victims will take an active role in this with collaborating partner agencies. Track 3 is the *Transition to Home* program for mediation, conciliation, and mentorship within the community for a maximum of 9 months to a year after transition.
- **Chavez Educational Services/STEP UP program:** Provides interactive seminars with professionals and lived experienced individuals to address issues of self-efficacy, independent decision making, personal goal setting, anger and conflict identification, and resolution woven into an intense workshop beginning with their transition from childhood to adulthood with its responsibilities and freedoms. There are a series of activities from music, poetry, intensive and interactive dialogue, self-revealing exercises, and goal identification. When the youth transitioned into the community, a gym pass is provided and continued mentorship to allow support through the most crucial time of a youth's program, the initial transition home.
- **Success Stories:** Monthly mentorship meetings with lived experience, justice impacted individuals to develop resiliency upon reentry into the community by exploration of toxic masculinity, patriarchy, beliefs, love, and short-term/long-term thinking and provide participants with tools needed to shift their criminal behaviors to positive behaviors and not act in harmful ways that lead to recidivism.
- **Moving Mountains Unlimited** (www.movingmountainsunltd.org) Seeks to ensure youth understand and are prepared for successful step-down program. Moving Mountains programs helps youth by: Peer to peer mentoring with the use of credible messengers, assisting staff with effective case planning and enhanced implementation of the case plans, and helping the youth make connection between behavior and community impact.

Other partnered community-based organizations and government agencies utilized by RCP:

- **Real Man Read:** a literacy program that provides community engagement from male mentors to encourage young men to read.
- **Women Wonder Writers:** youth participate in writing and speaking lessons, practicing healthy expression, empathy building, receive positive peer supports, gain a sense of purpose and hope, and improve self-esteem.
- **California Family Life Center: Youth Opportunity Center:** youth begin to set career goals and personal aspirations through receiving paid in-custody work experience and work readiness development and assist in transition into the community.

- Partner Paws Dog Training/Canine Therapy (Indio location): animal assisted therapy and activities to help youth relax, reduce feelings of depression, anxiety, or loneliness, and promote a feeling of well-being.

B. Potential community-based housing and case management:

- **Amity Foundation** is dedicated to the inclusion and habilitation of people marginalized by addiction, trauma, criminality, incarceration, poverty, racism, sexism, homelessness, and violence by providing transition housing and services.
- **Boys Republic** seeks to give adolescent youth with behavioral, educational, and emotional difficulties an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential for responsible, self-directed life within the community. Every attempt is made to involve family members in the rehabilitation process and to bring about the reunification of the family. We consider the development of academic, vocational, and social skills essential in assisting the youth we serve to return to the community as useful, productive citizens. The LRP of this program provides employment training in culinary classes, baking classes, and masonry. Further, the transitional furniture housing is for youth 18-21 for 6-18 months, willing to abide by the apartment rules, such as paying a safety deposit, rent, utilities and bills to teach money management, maintaining interior and exterior of apartment, weekly meetings with staff to discuss re-entry and apartment guidelines, monthly residence meetings to work out roommate issues, community service, and several other requirements.
- **Teen Challenge**: Job Readiness and Financial Responsibilities Programs is designed to help students learn the importance of job planning and preparation in today's job market. The course takes individuals through the application process and an extensive resume workshop where the student will create their own resume. The workshop also shows the student how to conduct themselves during an interview, as well as how to deal with financial responsibilities of everyday life. The students learn how to clear up their past credit history and learn how to live a lifestyle that is debt-free.
- **Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC)** Providing transitional housing with employment, treatment, and life skills services in Los Angeles but in discussions with RCP to expand to Riverside County, as well as begun a partnership with Cal State University San Bernardino to provide housing for those youth attending college through Project Rebound.

C. Community-based career development and educational supports:

- **Riverside Office of Education (RCOE)** Innovative Creative Educational Videos (ICEV) classes. All youth will be exposed to Workforce Readiness Skills Courses. Upon completion of the foundational classes, the youth will have the opportunity to take a myriad of computer-based classes in family and consumer sciences, based on the courses taken the youth have an opportunity to earn certificates in culinary meat selection and cookery, food safety, and professional communication. The other avenues youth currently exploring with our community partners to build relationships to further the youth's career training are architecture, construction, transportation, manufacturing, and a pathway in business, marketing, finance, IT

and Media classes. The final piece are classes in career exploration. The pathways caseworkers will learn the classes that interest the youth, and we will begin to build community connections to create the linkage between learning the knowledge and how it translates into the workplace.

- **California Family Life Center** providing employment services and salary to youth inside the facility (inventory specialist, maintenance, gardening lead, culinary lead, etc.) They will transition into the Youth Opportunity Center into the community to continue to build their employment skills.

D. Accessing community education resources:

Pathways to Success has built a bridge between the youth and higher education and continue to expand services through a partnership with, but not limited to:

- **Riverside Community College's Rising Scholars** is a program that provides a safe, supportive, equitable, and empowering educational environment for students impacted by the carceral system. Pathways to Success youth, who are enrolled in RCC classes, are encouraged to join Rising Scholars for them to receive the full benefits of the program while they are in custody and following their release from custody. The RCC Rising Scholars program equips students with the tools they need to achieve their highest potential through higher education.

Depending on the student's needs, tailored services may include the Disability Resource Center, the Guardian Scholars Program (for former and current foster youth), Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), Umoja and La Casa.

- **Prison Education Project (PEP)** Aims to educate, empower, and transform the lives of incarcerated individuals. The goal of PEP is to create a "Prison-to-School Pipeline" and provide in-custody students with the cognitive tools necessary to function as productive citizens. The overarching philosophy of PEP is to use the resources in the backyard of each of the state's prisons to make change e.g., university student and faculty volunteers. They have provided an initial session to all the youth and working to continue their involvement with all units within the Pathways to Success program.
- **Cal-State San Bernardino Tutors and Project Rebound** Assists with educational needs of the youth by providing weekly mentors/tutors to youth in secured track and assist in specific courses, organization skills, studying, and many other aspects required for educational success. Once a youth can transfer to a Cal State or University of California the project services as the liaison for the youth to apply, set up courses and provide continued support.

E. Income supports to the youth living in the community and at home.

- **California Family Life Center/Youth Opportunity Center** Provides job training and helps to prepare youth with the ability to earn money.

F. Linkage to Workforce Development partnerships and Department of Rehabilitation:

- **Department of Rehabilitation** (DOR) has an active program with Pathways to Success via an assigned liaison who works with the 16- to 25-year-old population. The youth participate in transitional Child and Family Team Meetings (CFTMs). Services provided includes Vocational and educational services and support, financial assistance, or funding vocational schools, providing tools for job, clothing and shoes, and other supplies as needed.
- **California Family Life Center** Provides financial, career, and educational training to the youth.

It is the intention of Riverside County Probation to coordinate with the above listed community resources and more potentials as part of the Pathways to Success's Less Restrictive Programs with the partnership of the OYCR. RCP would value a collaborative effort to provide a successful option for the youth of Riverside County. Thank you for your consideration and look forward to the future we will create together.

Initial contact during this request for proposal process will be Tiki Copeland, Contracts and Grants Analyst. She can be reached either by phone at 951-955-2835 or email at TiCopeland@rivco.org.

Sincerely,



Christopher H. Wright
Chief Probation Officer

Schedule A
Riverside County Probation Department
Less Restrictive Programs Grant
Fiscal Year 2024/2025

Increase Appropriations:

10000-2600100000-525440	Professional Services	\$300,000
10000-2600100000-536240	Other Contract Agencies	\$1,700,000
	Total	\$2,000,000

Increase Estimated Revenue:

10000-2600100000-752403	Juvenile Justice Blck Grnt-DJJ	\$2,000,000
	Total	\$2,000,000