

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting authorization to amend a 2016 purchase of service contract with Running Rebels Community Organization by increasing the contract \$100,000, from \$2,004,277 to \$2,104,277, for the Delinquency and Court Services Division**

Issue

County Board approval is required for contracts with a value of more than \$300,000 per Ch. 59 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is requesting authorization to increase the Delinquency and Court Services Division (DCSD) 2016 purchase of service (POS) contract with Running Rebels Community Organization.

Background

In December 2015, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved a 2016 POS contract with Running Rebels Community Organization (RRCO) in the amount of \$2,004,277 to provide Targeted Monitoring Services for up to 175 youth per day. This contract is primarily funded through by revenue from the State Department of Children and Families (DCF) - Youth Aids along with funding from the Juvenile Justice Accountability Block Grant (JABG).

Discussion

Running Rebels Community Organization provides Targeted Monitoring Program (TMP) services to youth who are on an order of supervision as an alternative to an out-of-home placement or placement in the Department of Corrections (DOC). The majority of the youth are moderate to high risk for re-offense per the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) which is a validated risk assessment tool utilized by DCSD to assess the risk level of youth.

The TMP includes the Serious Chronic Offenders Program (SCOP), Firearm Program (FA), Milwaukee County Accountability Program (MCAP) and Burglary/Auto Monitoring Program (BAMP). The Firearm Project serves youth who are referred to the juvenile justice system for involvement with a firearm. The Serious Chronic Offender Program targets youth determined to

be higher risk due to either the severity of their behavior or the reoccurrence of behaviors. MCAP, which was established in September 2013, is designed as a local, community-oriented, safe, and cost-effective alternative to incarcerating youth at the DOC Lincoln Hills facility. The Burglary and Auto Monitoring Program targets moderate risk youth who have been adjudicated on their first or second burglary or auto theft related charges. These youth receive a lower dosage of monitoring and programming than those youth in SCOP, FA or MCAP and are typically enrolled in the program for a shorter amount of time and receive services aimed at reducing recidivism.

The total Targeted Monitoring Program contract reflects 175 slots with 20 of those slots identified for the Burglary and Auto Monitoring Program. This program has been operating at over capacity with a wait list for enrollment for the past several months. Therefore, DCSD is seeking an increase to these slots to timely serve the volume of youth that the Judiciary deems appropriate for this program in 2016.

DCSD is proposing to amend the 2016 purchase of service contract with Running Rebels Community Organization to allow for an additional 20 slots in the TMP which would bring the total slots to 195 slots, of which 40 slots instead of the current 20 would be dedicated to the Burglary and Auto Monitoring Program. This will help alleviate the issue of a wait list and allow youth to start participation in the program as soon as possible.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors authorize the Director of DHHS, or his designee, to increase the purchase of service contract with Running Rebels Community Organization (RRCO) in the amount of \$100,000 to \$2,104,277. The contract amendment would be effective for the period of June 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

Fiscal Impact

There is no tax levy impact associated with approval of this request in 2016 as funds sufficient to cover this expenditure are included as part of DCSD's 2016 Budget.



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