

\$50,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000 for a 44-month period, and will be awarded for use in targeting underserved communities with high rates of juvenile arrests and high rates of racial/ethnic disproportionality within those juvenile arrests. Ninety (90) percent of the awarded funds will be passed through to community-based organizations that must deliver services in underserved communities with high rates of juvenile arrests. Ten (10) percent of the total award will be retained by the Lead Public Agency to coordinate with local law enforcement agencies, social services agencies, and non-governmental organizations to ensure successful implementation of the grant program. The funding period for the YRG Program will be July 1, 2019 through February 8, 2023. The funds would be used by CBO's to create new diversion programs or expand the capacity of existing diversion programs. The services provided by the CBO's through diversion programs will include educational services (both academic and vocational), mentoring services, behavioral health and mental health services.

Acting as the Lead Public Agency for the YRG Program is in alignment with the vision and mission of the Probation Department. Probation consistently works to identify youth who can be diverted away from formal entry into the juvenile justice system. Receipt of funds through the YRG Program will increase the capacity of communities to deal with delinquency of youth at the lowest level possible thereby preventing youth from making formal entry into the juvenile justice system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is minimal General Fund cost related to the submission of the application for the Youth Reinvestment Grant Program and can be absorbed by the Department's budget. If awarded, grant funds would be used to increase capacity for dealing with youth delinquency in the community through evidence-based and culturally-relevant diversion programs. There is twenty-five percent (\$25,000) match requirement, which would be met in-kind through salaries of staff assigned to the YRG Program, including the Probation Project Manager.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose not to approve the submission of an application for the YRG Program or designate the Probation Department as the Lead Public Agency; however, this alternative is not recommended as not applying for the grant funds would hinder the expansion of services in communities with the highest need.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION