



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: DINA JOSE - Director
Corrections
REPORT BY: Wendi Agans, Supervising Staff Services Analyst - (707) 253-6133
SUBJECT: MOU with California State Sheriff's Association for statewide VINE services through Appriss, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Corrections requests approval of and authorization to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the California State Sheriff's Association for participation in the statewide Victim Information Notification Everyday program to provide free of charge victim notification services which shall expire on June 30, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Director of Corrections is requesting approval of and authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the California State Sheriff's Association (CSSA) to participate in the Victim Information Notification Everyday (VINE) program administered by CSSA's contracted service provider Appriss, Inc. Napa County Department of Corrections (Corrections) will continue to provide victim notification services through Appriss at no cost to the County.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No
County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of

Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines); therefore, CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Since 2003, Corrections has contracted for VINE services with Appriss, Inc. This service provides anonymous telephone/email notifications to crime victims, witnesses and next of kin, free of charge, regarding in-custody offenders. VINE monitors the custody status of offenders in the Jail and reports the release of these inmates to users who have requested notification. In addition, any citizen may call the Napa County VINE or use the online system to determine offender custody status and request release notification.

In March 2013, Corrections terminated the contract with Appriss, Inc. and entered into an MOU with CSSA who began administering VINE services statewide through a direct contract with Appriss Inc. The State obtained funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, an agency within the United States Department of Justice, which allows all California counties to enter into the statewide program through an MOU with CSSA. This program is provided at no cost to counties and with no service reduction.

Today's requested action is for the Board to authorize the Director of Corrections to enter into an updated Memorandum of Understanding with California State Sheriff's Association to continue participation in the statewide Victim Information Notification Everyday program administered by Appriss, Inc. in effect through June 30, 2020.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi