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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer
Probation
REPORT BY: Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager, 253-4126
SUBJECT: Agreement with Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA)

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign an agreement with Leaders in Community Alternatives, Inc. for a maximum of \$10,000 for the term October 25, 2005 through June 30, 2006, with an automatic annual renewal, to provide electronic monitoring equipment and reports for wards of the Juvenile Court participating in the home detention program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Leaders in Community Alternatives (LCA) is a company that provides Home Electronic Monitoring for wards of the Juvenile Court participating in a home detention program. Electronic monitoring of juveniles insures they are home, at work or school when scheduled. If a ward is found to be out of compliance, a violation notification is immediately issued to Probation who determines the disposition and if necessary returned to custody.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | Costs for services under this agreement are included in the Probation Department FY 05/06 budget. Funding for this services is provided through the state Juvenile Probation Funding (formerly TANF). |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Mandatory |
| Is the general fund affected? | Yes |
| Future fiscal impact: | The agreement will be reviewed at final budget for continuance. |

Consequences if not approved: Napa County will not have electronic monitoring program for juveniles. Electronic monitoring is an industry accepted approach that is a legitimate alternative to juvenile hall.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The department previously provided electronic monitoring services for juveniles under the agreement with LCA through the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) agreement. Due to changes in the Adult Electronic Monitoring Program, it became necessary to separate the program for juveniles. Unlike the NCDC agreement, the Contractor does not have direct contract with the participating wards or their parents or guardians.

This agreement provides for monitoring up to fifteen (15) minors at any given time in the home detention program. LCA will provide the electronic technology equipment and twenty four hour reporting services to the Juvenile Probation Department. Unlike the adult program, monitoring is done by a Probation Assistant, not LCA. An automatic renewal to this agreement for an additional year at the end of this current fiscal year, under the same terms and condition.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Helene Franchi