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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Don Ridenhour - Director
Public Works
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SUBJECT: Lease Agreement with Aldea Children and Family Services

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Lease Agreement with Aldea Children and Family Services at \$2,500 per month for space located at 1801 Oak Street, Napa, commencing on February 2, 2010, for space to be used for an Evening Reporting Center for youth.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Approval of this Lease Agreement will provide space for the Probation Department to operate an Evening Reporting Center for youth . The center will serve as a community based alternative to detention in Juvenile Hall and provide supervision of nonviolent offenders with highly structured and well supervised group activities during high risk periods.

The term of the Lease will commence on February 2, 2010, at \$2,500 per month, and shall continue in full effect until terminated by either party for convenience of that party by giving no less than sixty (60) days prior written notice or by mutual agreement of the parties.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The Corrections Standards Authority has awarded an annual grant to the Probation Department in the amount of \$414,261 to provide for rehabilitative

and supervision services to youthful offenders. A portion of these funds have been appropriated in the FY 09-10 approved budget for services related to the program.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: This item is discretionary in that there is no mandate to spend funds in this manner. However, the Corrections Standards Authority has awarded the annual grant in the amount of \$414,261 to Napa County to provide for rehabilitative and supervision services to youthful offenders. Funds will be used to provide services to high risk youth in the community.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: Future fiscal impact is dependent upon the availability of grant funds. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years. The Probation Department anticipates that this program will continue to be funded by the State.

Consequences if not approved: If this item is not approved, the Probation Department will not be able to use these funds to provide services to high risk youthful offenders. It has been difficult to find a permanent location to serve these youth after school hours.

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

On September 1, 2007, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) stopped accepting juvenile court commitments and parole violators, except those convicted of violent, serious, or sex offenses that fall under Penal Code 707 (b). Juvenile offenders with less serious convictions are now kept in their local jurisdiction, where they can benefit from programs within their communities and be closer to potential support networks. The Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funding allows counties to provide services to high risk juvenile offenders who can no longer be housed in DJJ facilities.

Napa County's Juvenile Justice Development Plan has two programs that focus service delivery on court wards. The first program provides intensive supervision services to high risk youth offenders who have returned to, or will be returning to the community from group homes and camp or can avoid a camp placement by participating in a treatment program. In order to be safely maintained in the community, high risk youth require intensive supervision services to address issues related to emotional/mental health, education, employment, substance abuse and social skill building needs. The second program approved in the YOBG plan provides for an Evening Reporting Center. This center serves as a community based alternative to detention in Juvenile Hall and provides supervision of nonviolent offenders with highly structured and well supervised group activities during high risk periods.

During the past two years, the Department has requested and received approval to add two (2) Probation Officer I/II positions to work directly with high risk youth to the Reporting Center. The Reporting Center opened in March 2009 at the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). However, due to space restraints at the JJC, it has been difficult to find

rooms available during the week. With the additional funding received in the current year, the Department is requesting to lease space for a permanent location. The Reporting Center is open on weekday evenings, Monday through Thursday from 3:00 - 6:30. Research has shown that successful treatment programs incorporate the principals of cognitive behavior theory. The Probation Department is committed to approach risk reduction through Evidence-Based Practices and staff have been trained in using these techniques. In addition, the Wolfe Center provides a part-time counselor to assist the Probation Officers with the cognitive behavioral groups. The Reporting Center also operates the current Probation Work Program and works in tandem with the STAR Program that provides programming to youth in-custody at Juvenile Hall. Youth may be referred to the Reporting Center when released from Juvenile Hall if additional support is needed to be successful in the community. Electronic monitoring is also operated by the Reporting Center. Since March 2009, there have been 28 minors who have successfully completed the program with 13 more pending graduation in January 2010.

The YOBG allocation for Fiscal Year 2009-10 is \$414,261. The Probation Department expects to continue receiving these funds in subsequent fiscal years and does not believe that these funds are subject to State budget cuts.

Approval of this Lease Agreement will provide a permanent location for the Reporting Center. The Oak Street property is an ideal location to provide these structured services.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi