

Sonoma County Community Corrections Partnership
Funding Request and Change Form

Date: August 29, 2022
Requesting Agency: Probation
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Is Request One-time or On-going? On-going
Request Amount
 Current FY: \$87,261 (October 1 – June 30)
 Annualized: \$116,348
Request Title: Day Reporting Center Probation Assistant

I. Description of Funding Request

Serving as Sonoma County’s hub of evidence-based programming for individuals with felony convictions, the Day Reporting Center (DRC) serves adults reentering the community from jail or prison. Services include life, parenting, and vocational skills, mental health and substance abuse treatment, eligibility services, and cognitive behavioral intervention. Major criminal justice research institutions, such as the Center for Effective Public Policy and the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati, have shown that these programs improve public safety and reduce recidivism. Currently realigned individuals represent 32% of the DRC population.

Probation assistants are the face of the DRC to both clients and the public at large and are an integral part of DRC operations. This critical position is responsible for duties such as screening entrants to ensure facility and staff safety, communication and collaboration with community-based organizations who provide services and connection to local resources, performing/tracking/processing probationer court-ordered chemical testing, co-facilitating Evidence-Based Programs (EBP) classes on site, acting as liaison between DRC and the referring/supervising deputy probation officers, as well as performing the bulk of internal Probation administrative processes. The probation assistant position is also crucial to the department for succession planning and staff retention.

In FY 19-20, CCP-funded departments were asked to make budget cuts to stabilize the CCP’s fund balance. As part of its cuts, Probation offered to fund one of the DRC’s three probation assistants from a separate source. That source, the Community Corrections Performance Incentives Fund (CCPIF), is now declining rapidly and cannot continue supporting this position. Aside from this position, the CCPIF supports several probation officers. Additionally, after cutting the probation assistant from the CCP budget,

Probation committed to cutting an additional \$600,000 per year in DRC expenses, which the CCPIF now covers. This request does not seek restoration of this additional funding.

Given the unsustainable level of CCPIF expenditures and the CCP's strong fund balance recovery from FY 19-20 levels, Probation requests restoration of the probation assistant to the CCP budget.

II. Resource Requirements

None

III. Staffing Requested

1.0 FTE Probation Assistant position (\$116,348)

IV. This request most closely aligns with Tier:

Tier 1: Specifically for realigned offenders.

Tier 2: Clearly assists with County's criminal justice system overall, but may not directly or exclusively impact AB 109 offenders.

Tier 3: Provides ancillary benefits to criminal justice in Sonoma County.