



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT
AWARDS / CONTRACTS / GRANTS

Award Contract Grant

Requested Board Meeting Date: 02/21/2023

* = Mandatory, information must be provided

or Procurement Director Award:

***Contractor/Vendor Name/Grantor (DBA):**

Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

***Project Title/Description:**

Pima County Victim Restitution Assistance Program (PC- VRAP)

***Purpose:**

This package is to submit the approved Grant Award Modification Request to the Board for review and approval. The original scope of work for the PC-VRAP program had our subaward recipient distributing the restitution funds. During agreement discussions it was also determined that the Praxis Project would be requesting additional fees for managing the \$184,859.97 designated for restitution payments. To maximize the amount of funds that go directly towards restitution payments it was decided that Pima County Public Defense Services (PDS) will maintain the restitution funds and pay direct payments to the Pima County Clerk of the Court, which is part of Pima County Superior Court, who accepts restitution payments and then in turn distributes the funds to victims. PDS is already the managing agency on the grant and will not require additional fees to manage the funds and make payments. We are requesting to move the \$184,859.97 designated for restitution payments from the subaward category to the other category in our budget.

***Procurement Method:**

Not Applicable

***Program Goals/Predicted Outcomes:**

Pima County projects that a juvenile restitution assistance program will show immediate impacts on case outcomes. Youth will be able to wrap up their court involvement more quickly; their families will be able to redirect their limited monetary resources to basic necessities and expenses that directly benefit their families; the youth will be eligible for destruction of records; and the victims will be made whole expeditiously. Allowing Public Defense Services to make all the restitution payments will ensure that the maximum amount available goes toward payments and the success of the program.

***Public Benefit:**

The program benefits the public by allowing victim's to receive the restitution ordered by the Court. It will help juveniles and their families by resolving a financial burden that causes them to linger in the Justice System.

***Metrics Available to Measure Performance:**

No research is available regarding the use of either unpaid victim restitution, or restitution assistance, on juvenile violent crime or recidivism. This project is intended to contribute to developing and defining promising practices related to the juvenile justice system's use of victim restitution orders and restitution payment assistance. A resource guide for juvenile justice system stakeholders, including judges, will be created to share learnings from the VRAP project implementation by the end of the fourth quarter following award. This grant deliverable will be updated annually thereafter. PDS will also be required to report to DOJ programmatically (semi-annually) and financially (quarterly).

***Retroactive:**

No

GMI Approves
AF 2/16/23

THE APPLICABLE SECTION(S) BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED

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Contract / Award Information

Document Type: Department Code: Contract Number (i.e., 15-123):
Commencement Date: Termination Date: Prior Contract Number (Synergen/CMS):
Expense Amount \$ Revenue Amount: \$

*Funding Source(s) required:

Funding from General Fund? Yes No If Yes \$ %
Contract is fully or partially funded with Federal Funds? Yes No
If Yes, is the Contract to a vendor or subrecipient?
Were insurance or indemnity clauses modified? Yes No
If Yes, attach Risk's approval.
Vendor is using a Social Security Number? Yes No
If Yes, attach the required form per Administrative Procedure 22-10.

Amendment / Revised Award Information

Document Type: Department Code: Contract Number (i.e., 15-123):
Amendment No.: AMS Version No.:
Commencement Date: New Termination Date:
Prior Contract No. (Synergen/CMS):
Expense Revenue Increase Decrease
Amount This Amendment: \$

Is there revenue included? Yes No If Yes \$

*Funding Source(s) required:

Funding from General Fund? Yes No If Yes \$ %

Grant/Amendment Information (for grants acceptance and awards)

Award Amendment

Document Type: GTAM Department Code: PDS Grant Number (i.e., 15-123): 23-057
Commencement Date: 10/01/2022 Termination Date: 09/30/2025 Amendment Number: 1
Match Amount: \$ Revenue Amount: \$

*All Funding Source(s) required: Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

*Match funding from General Fund? Yes No If Yes \$ %

*Match funding from other sources? Yes No If Yes \$ %

*Funding Source:

*If Federal funds are received, is funding coming directly from the Federal government or passed through other organization(s)?
Federal funds received directly from the federal government

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Date: 2/2/23

Deputy County Administrator Signature:

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Date: 2/6/2023

County Administrator Signature:

Date: 2/7/2023

**Pima County Juvenile Justice Systems Enhancement
Victim Restitution Assistance Project
Grant Award Modification (GAM) Justification**

The original program design has our subrecipient Tucson Second Chance Community Bail Fund (TSCCBF) listed as distributing the restitution funds on behalf of the program. While the original proposal does note that the Praxis Project is the fiscal sponsor to TSCCBF it was not until after the grant was awarded that Pima County had a full understanding of the relationship between the organizations.

When Pima County, the Praxis Project, and TSCCBF began work on the subrecipient agreement we learned that employees of TSCCBF are legal employees of the Praxis Project and that the parties did not have a negotiated indirect cost rate agreement. Based on federal standards and Pima County's contract it was determined that the Praxis Project would be the subrecipient receiving 30% of the grant funding, \$120,000 of the \$400,000 per the proposal. The Praxis Project would have to take the de minimis 10% and the remaining 20% will go to their sponsored project TSCCBF.

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Legally Pima County and Pima County Superior Court are separate entities. Superior Court is considered a State entity. When PDS makes the restitution payments we will be collecting an invoice that will have clear identifying case information which will be saved as part of the official records on this project. Based on the above information we would like to move funds from the subaward budget category to the other budget category for the budget modification.