



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 18, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Brian Ahearn, Chief of Police

PREPARER: Todd Dokweiler, Police Lieutenant

DATE: January 05, 2023

TITLE: **Adopt Resolution No. 223-32 Accepting a Title II Grant from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Arcata Juvenile Diversion Program to Support Hosting the Parent Project Program in Partnership with Humboldt Teen Court.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council of the City of Arcata approve resolution 223-32, accepting a Title II from the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the Arcata Juvenile Diversion Program to support hosting the Parent Project Program in partnership with Humboldt Teen Court.

INTRODUCTION:

The Arcata Juvenile Diversion Program seeks to accept Title II grant funding to support hosting the Parent Project for three years. The grant funding will also support a collaboration with Teen Court and assist that organization with hosting Parent Project in Fortuna.

BACKGROUND:

Arcata Juvenile Diversion was awarded the Title II grant, which requires that the winning agencies collaborate with local non-profits to improve the community. A minimum of 70% of award monies must be allocated to the partnering non-profits.

DISCUSSION:

1. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act1 (JJDP) is the federal statute that establishes the Title II Grant Program. The U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) administers the grant. The Board of State and Community Correction (BSCC) is the state agency that receives and administers California's Title II award. The BSCC must competitively award funds to units of local government with the purpose and intent of the JJDP and California's Title II State Plan. This Title II grant will fund:
 - a. Alternatives to Detention
 - b. Community-Based Programs & Services

- c. Diversion
 - d. Mentoring, Counseling & Training Programs
2. Successful applicants will be funded for a three-year grant project service period commencing on January 1, 2023, and ending on December 31, 2025, and a final evaluation period commencing on January 1, 2026, ending March 31, 2026.

An additional three (3) months (January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026) will be included in the grant agreement for the sole purposes of:
 - Finalizing and submitting a required Local Evaluation Report, and
 - Finalizing and submitting any required financial audit.
 3. Lead applicant government agencies are required to pass through a minimum of 70% of grant funding to at least one direct service provider. A direct service provider must be a non-governmental organization. For purposes of the pass-through requirement, pass-through NGOs include community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs), non-profit organizations/501(c)(3)s, evaluators (except government institutions such as universities), grant management companies and any other non-governmental agency or individual. Note: The NGO criteria does not apply to government organizations (e.g., counties, cities, school districts, or federally recognized Indian tribes).
 4. Arcata Juvenile Diversion was awarded the Title II grant to support one of the program's major family interventions. The program's portion of funds will fully cover the cost of two sessions of the Parent Project and/or Loving Solutions each year. This includes the cost of teaching materials, family dinners before each class, raffle items to boost attendance, and childcare. These classes are highly sought after by families who are struggling with strong-willed children.
 5. The program will meet the pass-through requirement by partnering with Teen Court, a branch of the non-profit Boys and Girls Club currently based in Eureka. Teen Court provides similar diversion and restorative programs as Arcata Juvenile Diversion. Teen Court is also in the process of expanding to Fortuna. The award money shared with that program will primarily fund training their staff to teach the Parent Project and eventually host classes in Fortuna. Funds will also support their restorative justice programs aimed toward diverting local youth from the formal legal system.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

See attachments A: Resolution No. 223-32 and B: Title II application.

ATTACHMENTS:

Title II application (PDF)
223-32 Juvenile Diversion Title II grant (PDF)