

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC)

*Note: This agenda item request is due at least six (6) weeks prior to CCPEC meeting.
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Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) at their meeting on
_____, _____.

Title/Subject/Description: Open Gate / OGMAC Academy / Mentorship & Re-entry Program

This agenda item is being submitted for consideration by the

Background Information: In 2014, Open Gate started College Readiness Workshops at Santa Rita. Also in 2014, Open Gate developed the Open Gate Re-entry Support Program at College of Alameda. In 2016, Open Gate developed the RISE Program at Chabot College and ran the program until 2019. In 2020 - 2023, Open Gate assisted ROC Program at Laney College with Probation Referral enrollments and recruitment.

Fiscal Impact*, if any: Open Gate maintains a 3% recidivism rate since 2014

Recommended action to be taken: Funding for program of \$150K per year

**When requesting funding, please answer the questions in either Section 1 or 2 below. If requesting funding for a new program idea, answer the questions in Section 1. If requesting funding for a program with an existing AB 109-funded contract, answer the questions in section 2.*

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Section 1: Requesting Funding for a New Idea

Addressed in the Logic Model

A logic model from the Programs and Services Workgroup may be attached in lieu of answering the following questions:

- What part of the AB 109 population do you propose serving? (For example: unhoused individuals, clients disengaged from Probation services etc.)
Open Gate serves the entire AB 109 population, focusing on newly released individuals. Our services are also offered in Spanish.
- Which client needs are being addressed? (For example: housing, employment, substance abuse etc.)
Education, employment, substance abuse, learning disabilities.
- What are the objectives and benchmarks for success of the proposed program/activity?
Enroll in GED class (OUSD) and/or in community college.
- What are the resources and activities required by an organization to make the program successful? (For example: staffing, development of workshops etc.)
Funds for staffing, hot meals for students
- How will Probation Officers inform clients about the program/activity?
Open Gate would like to attend meetings with the POs to inform them about our program.
- If referrals don't come from Probation, how will clients be informed of the program/activity?
Open Gate's weekly visit at Santa Rita Jail since 2014, which targets clients within a 3 – 6 months of release.

Background Research

- Is the initiative evidence-based or a promising new idea?
Evidence-informed promising new idea.
- If this is an evidence-based program, what does the research say about it?
Since 2014, Open Gate has maintained a 3% recidivism rate.
- If there is existing research, was the research done on a population like the population the program anticipates serving? *n/a*
- Is Probation funding any similar activities?
None to our knowledge.
- If Probation is funding similar activities, what is unique about this program/activity, why is it necessary?
We prepare our students for college prior to enrollment. Open Gate College Readiness Workshops greatly increases enrollment, retention, and completion rates.
- Lived experience can often provide a layer of knowledge often not captured by traditional research methods. Please provide any anecdotal knowledge based upon lived experiences that contributes to or strengthens your proposed program/activity.

Open Gate employs mentors who have successfully reentered into today's society after long sentences including life sentences. Open Gate mentors bring wisdom and guidance to the younger students and increase all positive measurables including recidivism.

Fiscal Impact

- What is the total proposed budget for this program/activity? **\$150,000 yearly**

Section 2: Request to Renew or Extend an Existing Contract

Information About the Program

- What part of the AB 109 population was served under the previous contract? (For example: unhoused individuals, clients disengaged from Probation Services, etc.)
- What client needs were addressed? (For example: housing, employment, substance abuse etc.)
- How many people did your organization serve under the contract?
- How many people was your organization expected to serve under the contract?
- Please provide a summary of the program.
- Please provide a list of the objectives achieved by the program/activity.
- Did your organization invest any resources to make the program/activity successful? (For example: staffing, development of workshops etc.)
- Did you do any outreach to the target population, outside of referrals by Probation? If so, what were the results of your outreach?
- Describe how successfully your organization achieved your contract milestones and the other contract deliverables?

Background Research

- Is the program/activity evidence based or a promising new idea?
- If the program/activity is an evidence-based program, what does the research say about it?
- If there is existing research, was the research done on a population similar to the population served?
- How do milestones/contract deliverables compare to the outcomes of similar work in other jurisdictions?
- Is Probation funding any similar activities?
- If Probation is funding similar activities, what is unique about this program/activity, why is it necessary?
- Lived experience can often provide a layer of knowledge often not captured by traditional research methods. Please provide any anecdotal knowledge based upon lived experiences that contributes to or strengthens your proposed program/activity.

Program Data

- How many people were referred to the program/activity by Probation?
- Why should the contract be extended/renewed rather than going out to bid?
- Please provide program milestones and other contract deliverable data.

- Has this contract been extended before? If so, how many times and why?

Fiscal Impact

- What is the total proposed budget for the requested program/activity?
- What was the total budget for the program/activity under the previous contract?
 - If the proposed budget is higher than that of the previous contract, please justify the increase.
 - If the proposed budget is lower than that of the previous contract, please explain.

Signature: _____ *Mildred McKinney* _____

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