Juvenile Probation Commission
Meeting Date: May 8, 2024
Re: JPD Contracts for Commission Review & Approval

The Juvenile Probation Department requests delegated authority from the Juvenile Probation Commission to approve the following contractual agreement(s):

Contractor	1) Alternative Family Services
Action	New Agreement
Description	Intensive Services Foster Care
Term	12-months
Not-to-Exceed-Amount	$900,000
Contracting Authority	SF Admin Code 21.1
Court-Ordered Service	Yes

1) Alternative Family Services

Note: After the initial ramp-up phase supported by this new agreement, JPD intends to extend the term and increase the not-to-exceed amount, contingent on funding availability, to support the continued service need of youth ordered to out of home placement. The Description of Services may be modified during contract negotiations in alignment with the original solicitation.

1. Description of Services

The Contractor, a California Licensed Foster Family Agency, shall be responsible for providing Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) programming to youth ordered to out of home placement, both pre- and post-adjudication, by the San Francisco Juvenile Court including clients who are:

   a) Ages: 13-18, mostly 16 or older
   b) Gender: girls, boys, and non-binary
   c) Special Populations: Including but not limited to, youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation, monolingual Spanish-speaking youth, youth with behavioral health needs, unaccompanied youth, and youth who are alleged or found to have committed serious and/or violent crimes.

Contractor shall meet the following program requirements,

   i.   Recruit, retain, and support licensed ISFC approved resource family homes in San Francisco, and/or the Bay Area (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marina, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma Counties) to provide both emergency placements up to 90 days, as well as long-term placements up to six months to the Target Population, that are culturally responsive to the Target Population (target for recruitment current and former JPD kinship care resource families, as well as families from communities disproportionately impacted by the justice system).

   ii. Recruit at least 10 homes, of which at least 4 will serve Spanish-speaking youth, and at of which at least 2 will serve girls with one being Spanish Speaking and another being English speaking.

   iii. Provide placement and base fees to resource families to ensure capacity for youth ordered to out of home placement by the San Francisco Juvenile Court.

   iv. Provide culturally responsive services to youth and resource families, including: 24/7 support; participate in Child & Family Team meetings; provide training to resource families; and provide respite care for resource families.

   v.   Support and facilitate linkages to appropriate community-based organizations that maintain community and family connections for youth and collaborate closely with JPD Deputy Probation Officers & Social Workers to facilitate stability and success for youth ordered to out of home placement.

   vi. Have the ability and capacity to understand and respond appropriately to the unique combination of cultural variables of each participant and utilize culturally competent practices that align with the program model and purpose.

   vii. Follow all mandates and requirements of the court. In addition, programs will be required to regularly work in collaboration with the Juvenile Probation Department, District Attorney, Public Defender, Private Defense Bar, and Superior Court, as well as other government partners and community-based providers, to coordinate services and communicate about participant progress.

   viii. Collaborate and sub-contract with other Foster Family Agencies and/or community-based providers that serve justice impacted or at-risk youth in the Bay Area.

   ix. Provide daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual metrics regarding referrals, placements, and outcomes to JPD.