

**SCOTT COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION  
AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS**

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: 06/09/2020

To: Scott County Administration and Board of Supervisors

RE: Auto Theft Accountability Contract Renewal

**History- Program Description**

Over the last few years, this Scott County area has experienced a dramatic increase in auto theft. This has had a direct impact on the Scott County Juvenile Detention as average daily population has effectively doubled, causing costs to rise significantly as well. The Auto Theft Accountability Program is a new program designed to target first time offenders and provide accountability for the harm they have brought upon their victim and the community.

The Auto Theft Accountability program is a victim-offender mediation program which is based upon highly effective programs provided in New Zealand (Family Group Conferencing) and Oakland, California (Restorative Community Conferencing). This model is evidence based, as the National Council on Crime and Delinquency studied the outcomes of the RCC program in Oakland. They found that youth who completed the program were 44% less likely to get a new sustained charge, than youth who were processed through the juvenile legal system.

This program is a restorative justice concept in which victims and offenders are brought face to face in a neutral setting. Staff then facilitate a meeting to discuss the harm that has been done and create a plan for how the offender is to repair the harm. The youth offender will have three months to complete the plan. If the offender completes the plan, they will have their charge dismissed. However, if at any point they fail to progress, they will revert back to court proceedings.

The program accepted its first referral on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The program has had twenty-two (22) referrals since inception. Six (6) referrals have completed the program successfully, six (6) referrals are on-track to complete the program, and ten (10) referrals were discharged unsuccessfully. A major barrier to successful completion is a lack of family and youth engagement in certain referrals.

In FY21, there will be an advocacy component added to the program, to help with family and youth engagement. A Part-Time Youth advocate will be tasked with engaging the responsible youth and their family to help guide them through the program.

**Benefit to Community- Measurement**

There are several reasons this program is in the best interest of the community. In other communities where it has been implemented they have experienced lower recidivism, higher victim satisfaction, and it has promoted a sense of responsibility in offenders. The ultimate goal will be to lower juvenile crime (particularly auto theft), less court hearings, improved court times, and decrease detention usage.

**Capital Costs-** This program will incur no capital costs as it will be provided in the Scott County Juvenile Diversion Programs space.

**Offsetting Revenue**

On-going operating expenses for this program are covered by an inter-governmental contract with Iowa Department of Human Services. (Contract attached) Decategorization Board. All staff time, training, and supplies for the program will be reimbursed by the contract up to \$99,000 annually.

The contract renewal would need to be signed by the Scott County Board of Supervisor's Chairperson by July 1, 2020 in order to continue operating.

**Jeremy Kaiser, Director**

Scott County Juvenile Detention

**Third Amendment to the Auto Theft Accountability Program Contract**

This Amendment to Contract Number DCAT3-19-121 is effective as of July 1, 2020, between the Iowa Department of Human Services (Agency) and Scott County (Contractor).

**Section 1: Amendment to Contract Language**

The Contract is amended as follows:

**Revision 1. Contract Duration.** The Contract is hereby extended from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

**Section 2: Ratification & Authorization**

Except as expressly amended and supplemented herein, the Contract shall remain in full force and effect, and the parties hereby ratify and confirm the terms and conditions thereof. Each party to this Amendment represents and warrants to the other that it has the right, power, and authority to enter into and perform its obligations under this Amendment, and it has taken all requisite actions (corporate, statutory, or otherwise) to approve execution, delivery and performance of this Amendment, and that this Amendment constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation.

**Section 3: Execution**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth above and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, adequacy and legal sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties have entered into the above Amendment and have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Amendment.

<b>Contractor, Scott County</b>		<b>Agency, Iowa Department of Human Services</b>	
Signature of Authorized Representative:	Date:	Signature of Authorized Representative:	Date:
Printed Name: Tony Knobbe		Printed Name: Lori Frick	
Title: Scott County Board of Supervisors - Board Chair		Title: Eastern Iowa Service Area Manager	

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES  
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY  
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

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DATE

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SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 25, 2020

CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR AUTO THEFT ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAM SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the Scott County Juvenile Detention and Diversion Programs will provide the Auto Theft Accountability Program for youth through a contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services ending June 30, 2021. The contract can be renewed for five years with the final year ending on June 30, 2024.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect on July 1st, 2020.