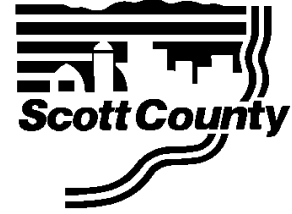


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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: 06/14/2022

To: Scott County Administration and Board of Supervisors

RE: Pre Charge Diversion Grant Acceptance and Approval

**History- Program Description**

Currently, Scott County Decategorization funds a diversion program as an alternative to juvenile court involvement for first-time, non-traffic, simple misdemeanor offenders in Scott County. The idea of this program is to avoid unnecessary entry into the Juvenile justice system as research tells us that if a child is pulled into the Juvenile Court System further than they need to be, their likelihood of remaining in the system also increases.

Recently, Scott County Juvenile Diversion Programs submitted and was awarded a grant from the Iowa Department of Human Rights, Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJP) to expand the current program. The current diversion programming would be expanded by adding youth advocacy, family engagement, and restorative justice practices. Community Based Youth Counselors would work with the youth and families to connect them to preventative programming that supports them in their home communities.

The first goal of the program will be to engage families and youth as swiftly and effectively as possible. We have trained and experienced Community Based Youth Counselors who are extremely effective in gaining trust with youth and families and encouraging them to participate in programming. It is not only important that we focus on how many youth are diverted from court involvement, but we feel it is extremely important to focus on how many youth are connected to and participating in preventative programming. The core belief of the program is that by committing a crime, they are communicating an unmet need. We are determined to help identify what that need is and find the appropriate service that can help fulfill that need.

Youth Counselors will go to the youth and the family, gain trust, and obtain a full understanding of the circumstances which lead to the criminal activity. Through this process, Youth Counselors will be able to assess what type of service or programming is needed. For example, if the crime has a clearly identified victim, and the youth does not demonstrate empathy or remorse for their actions, a referral to the

Scott County Restorative Community Conferencing program can be made. Funding for that program is provided through another separate funding source. Community Based Youth Counselors can also make referrals to various other programs in the community, such as CAP (Coordinated Assessment Program) operated by Family Resources and/or the corrective thinking class provided by volunteers and Juvenile Court staff. The program can begin operating as soon as July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

### **Expected Outcomes**

The expected and likely outcomes of this program will be that youth and families are appropriately assessed to connect them to services that meet their unique needs. This will ultimately lower crime, protect public safety, and lower juvenile detention. Our performance measures for this program are below:

- 90% or more youth and families will be contacted within 48 hours of referral.
- 80% or more youth and families will engage in internal and external services offered.
- 80% or more youth who engage in services offered will not have another offense within one year of referral to the program.

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

### **Offsetting Revenue**

On-going operating expenses for this program are covered by a grant with Iowa Department of Human Rights, Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Services. All staff time, training, and supplies for the program will be reimbursed by the contract up to \$50,000 annually. The grant is for two and one half years and can be extended to a total of five years.

**Jeremy Kaiser, Director**

Scott County Juvenile Detention & Diversion Programs

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 23, 2022

#### GRANT APPROVAL FOR PRE CHARGE DIVERSION 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 Pre Charge Diversion Program for youth through a grant with the Iowa Department of Human Rights ending December 31, 2024. The grant can be renewed for two and one half years with the final year ending on June 30, 2027.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect on July 1, 2022.