

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCP EC)

Note: Agenda item requests are due at least 5 (five) business days prior to CCP EC meeting.

TO: Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCP EC)
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Submitted are the following agenda item(s) to be considered by the Fiscal and Procurement meeting on 2/01/22:

Title: CAB Membership & Participation Stipend Increase

Subject Description: The CCP/CAB has experienced challenges with member retention, and filling vacancies, due in part two the volunteer nature of the meetings, that may significantly impact formally incarcerated members who may have been released from prison/jail and have little to no income. On May 8, 2018 the Honorable Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of funds to provide transportation stipends to formally incarcerated CAB members. Funding was paid from the community-based organizations portion of the AB-109 realignment funding. The CAB stipends assist with minimizing some of the barriers experienced by formally incarcerated members.

There continues to be a growing divergence between the cost of living and the income earned by formally incarcerated people in Alameda County. The necessary preparation time required for the CAB's recommended CCP AB-109-117 Realignment funded meetings (excluding the obligatory CAB meetings) has been described by former members as intended punishment. Most month half five CCP related meetings whereas others may have six or more. Members of our board are being repeatedly forced to sacrifice either their own household economy or our community's seat at the AB-109 CCP/ Realignment table. Community Advisory Board members incur several monthly costs associated with the operations, research preparation, transportation, electricity, Internet, WIFI, laptop Rentals, purchasing paper for both printing and notetaking, ink and toner cartridges, in addition to discretionary expenditures like the

childcare that is required to fully participate in Alameda County’s CCP AB-109-117 Realignment related meetings.

The increase in CAB membership & participation stipends would also allow for purchasing appropriate virtual video backgrounds for the respective meetings platforms; for members of the board that have seen how virtual meetings clearly depict a disparity in quality of life and socioeconomic status between partners within the partnership. Community Advisory Board members have shown up to participate in AB-109 Realignment meetings month after month; despite having noticeably disproportioned tool sets, which in many ways restrict our board from serving our respective Supervisorial Districts and Honorable Board Members with the dignity, and professional standards they so deserve.

Background: On May 8th 2018, the honorable board of supervisors approved the allocation of funds to provide stipends to formerly incarcerated CAB members. Funding was paid from the community-based organization portion of the AB-109 realignment funding. The stipends were continued to assist in minimizing barriers experienced by formerly incarcerated members.

Fiscal Impact: \$81,000 Funding for the CAB Membership and Participation Stipend would come off the top of the full (CBO & Government) AB 109 Public Safety Realignment FY2021-2022 Allocation as recommended by the Community Advisory Board.

Recommendation: It is for the above stated reasons that the Community Advisory Board has unanimously voted to request cab membership and participation stipend be increased from \$50-\$100 per meeting. Kait meeting participation stipend would not be limited to exclusively the standing community advisory board meeting but the counties are additional AB 109 realignment related work group meetings which are often required to be most effective and supporting and advising in our community corrections partnerships executive committee. The Community Advisory Board (CAB) respectfully request that the CCPEC approves the cab recommendation and forward the Honorable Board of Supervisor’s for discussion and action.

Vision 2026 Goal: Uplifting the capabilities, visibility, agency, and dignity promotes practices that support healthy living and meets the 10X goal pathways of a Crime Free County in support of the County’s shared vision of a Thriving and Resilient Population and Safe and Livable Communities.

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