



**Sheriff/Coroner**  
**COUNTY OF TULARE**  
**AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** September 10, 2024 - **REVISED**

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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**SUBJECT:** Approve an agreement with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs Inc.

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an agreement with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs Inc., to provide counseling and residential sober living services in an amount not to exceed \$1,113,609, retroactive from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. The agreement is retroactive due to the timing of the receipt of a grant agreement that partially finances this agreement. It was impracticable for the Board to take action prior to July 1, 2024 due to the time needed to process, prepare, and submit the agreement and agenda item;
2. Find that the Board had authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of July 1, 2024, and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the Chair to sign the agreement.

**SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) is seeking to continue its partnership with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs Inc. (Champions) to provide drug and alcohol recovery counseling services to inmates in a TCSO detention facility and a Sober Living Environment (SLE) that promotes individual recovery through positive peer group interactions among house members and staff once they leave a TCSO detention facility. Champions has been providing services during this partnership for approximately three years. Champions will provide services to inmates enrolled in the TCSO Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program, partially funded through a California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) grant award.

TCSO has applied for the BSCC grant, been awarded, and implemented the RSAT program since 1999. The purpose of the RSAT program is to break the cycle of drugs

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and violence by reducing the demand, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs. RSAT participants include inmates with drug addiction problems. These inmates are segregated inside from the rest of the County's jail population to ensure program fidelity. RSAT participants undergo intensive counseling over several months to battle drug addiction, develop appropriate life skills, and successfully re-enter the community after incarceration. Once an inmate can successfully transition out of a TCSO facility, SLE provides a sober living home to maintain an alcohol and drug free environment where residents can continue to develop their individual recovery plans and become self-supportive.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The total cost of the agreement with Champions Recovery Alternative Programs Inc. will be in an amount not to exceed \$1,113,609, of which \$835,207 is funded by BSCC grant funds and \$278,402 is funded with County matching funds through the Inmate Welfare Trust Fund (IWF). Of the \$835,207 from BSCC, \$632,707 will be the portion used for counseling, and \$202,500 will be the portion used for sober living. Of the \$278,402 from IWF, \$210,902 will be the portion used for counseling, and \$67,500 will be the portion used for sober living. The grand total for the counseling portion will be \$843,609, and the grand total sober living portion will be \$270,000.

TCSO will serve as fiscal agent for the grant and has budgeted. The agreement spans over three fiscal years. \$357,600 in expenses is included in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 requested operational budget, \$370,980 will be budgeted in FY 2025/26, and \$385,029 will be budgeted in FY 2026/27. All three years' expenses will be covered by the grant revenues and matching revenues from the IWF. There is no additional net County cost to the General Fund.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The Safety and Security Initiative is one of the initiatives in the Tulare County Strategic Business Plan. The purpose of the initiative is to provide for safety and security of the public. This agreement is in alignment with this as it addresses the goal to "Provide facilities and resources for training and rehabilitation of criminal offenders." Counselors work with inmates on a full-time basis addressing the life skills and tools necessary for planned reentry into the communities.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

/s/ Undersheriff Tom Sigley  
Mike Boudreaux  
Sheriff-Coroner

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachments: Agreement