
Sponsor: Community Corrections

Meeting Date: 11/5/2024

Title: Single Source Agreement with Youthprise for Youth Services

File Number: 2024-452

Background and Rationale:

Ramsey County Community Corrections' (Community Corrections) Juvenile Services continues to collaborate with community organizations to develop culturally specific and/or culturally responsive services for justice-involved youth and their families, to build strong partnerships and innovative strategies to promote positive youth development and engage families as partners to reduce juvenile crime and prevent the (dis)placement of youth to juvenile facilities.

Community Corrections is committed to identifying service needs and selecting service providers through a transparent and community-engaged processes. As this work grows, there is a need for an agency capable of and committed to managing and monitoring grant funding for programs specifically aimed at reducing racial disparities affecting youth.

Community Corrections has partnered with Youthprise, leveraging their capacity to engage with the community and manage funding used to support youth and families in the juvenile justice system. Youthprise brings expertise in amplifying youth and family voices, securing additional funding, and overseeing grant management. They will continue collaborating with community providers to develop essential services, with a focus on supporting agencies that face barriers in working with government entities. Under the current agreement, Youthprise has delivered youth services to Community Corrections through 30,000 Feet, World Youth Connect, Rebound, and others. Youthprise, in collaboration with Community Corrections, has identified six additional partners to provide programming.

Designated as a single-source provider per Ramsey County's policy, Youthprise will administer funds provided by the County and the Contractor under the direction of a Community Corrections representative. Youthprise will conduct community- and youth-engaged competitive grant processes to distribute these funds to other organizations ("Grants"), award funds, create contracts, monitor contracted services and maintain monthly financial reports.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Single Source agreement with Youthprise, 3001 Broadway Street NE, Suite 330, Minneapolis, MN 55413, to administer funds for youth services that reduce out-of-home placements and promote racial equity for Ramsey County youth and families, for the period of December 5, 2024, through December 4, 2026 in a not-to-exceed amount of \$875,000 for the term of the agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Moran.
Motion passed.

Aye: - 6: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

By: 

Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County
Board