

RFP Project Overview

Proposition 47 – Steps to Success

Comprehensive RFP

1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

A. Proposition 47

Proposition 47, also called the Safe Neighborhood and Schools Act, was a voter-approved initiative to focus prison spending on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for non-serious, nonviolent crime, and to invest the savings generated from this act into prevention and support programs. The money saved from Prop 47 will be deposited into a fund and disbursed through three grant programs according to the specifications of the Act.

One of the grant programs will be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to public agencies aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, and diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system, with an emphasis on programs that reduce recidivism of people convicted of less serious crimes, such as those covered by the measure and those who have substance abuse and mental health problems.

B. Steps to Success

Out of the 58 proposals submitted for the first round of BSCC Prop 47 grant funding, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) was one of 23 successful proposers and was awarded \$5,968,214.00 for its Steps to Success Program. Steps to Success is a significant expansion to Yolo County's existing continuum of criminal justice diversion programs. Specifically, the project applies the principles of restorative justice and trauma-informed care to provide wraparound services to individuals that are eligible for a diversion program, but are unlikely to succeed without intensive supports due to their history and current issues with mental health and/or substance use disorders.

In an effort to address the gaps in its current criminal justice continuum, HHSA's Steps to Success project has defined the following: Target Population, Project Goal, Project Description, Diversion Program Process and Performance Outcomes.

i. Target Population

The project's target population is adults age 18 and older who:

1. Have been arrested, charged with, or convicted of a criminal offense;
2. Are currently eligible for a diversion program in Yolo County; and
3. Have a history of mental health issues and/or substance use disorders.

ii. Project Goal

The project proposes to reduce recidivism and advance the recovery of people in the target population by improving four key areas in the lives of each participant, including:

1. Criminal justice involvement;
2. Housing stability;
3. Behavioral and physical health; and
4. Self-sufficiency.

iii. Project Description

The project's collaborative components include:

County and Community-based Organizations:

1. Outreach and assessment;

County:

2. Criminal justice diversion

Community-based Organizations:

3. Intensive case management & treatment; and
4. Civil legal services; and
5. Housing assistance.

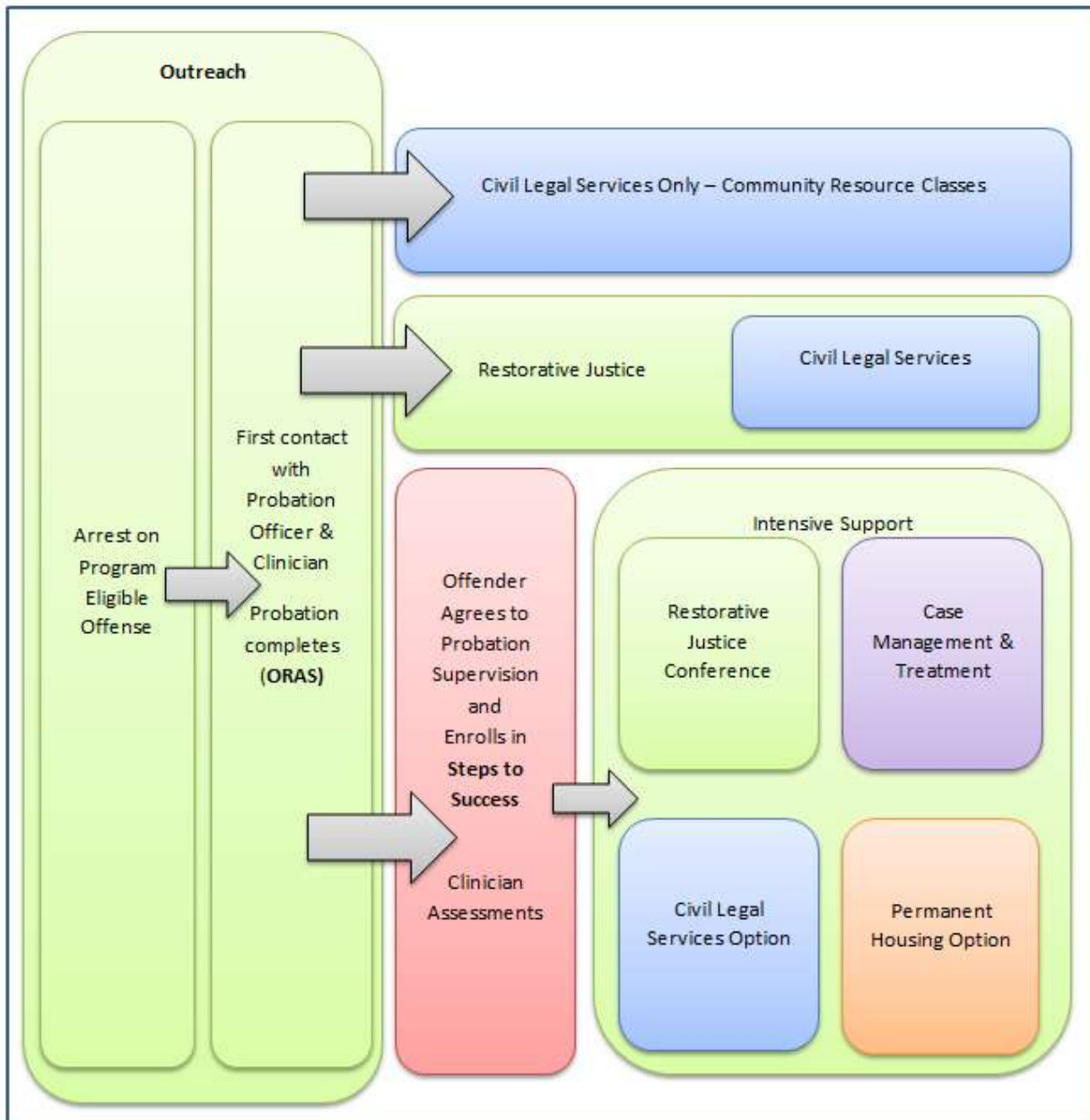
iv. Diversion Program Process

Following arrest and referral from Law Enforcement on an Eligible Offense determined through the District Attorney's Office, potential project participants meet with a Probation Officer and Clinician and complete a Risk Assessment with Probation.

Once determined eligible, project participants are directed into either Civil Legal Services only; the Restorative Justice Program to resolve their offense, in addition to receiving Civil Legal Services as necessary; or, for high risk offenders who agree to Probation Supervision, enrollment into the Steps to Success Intensive Supports Program.

Once enrolled in Steps to Success Intensive Supports, project participants will complete a comprehensive assessment with a Clinician, focused on determining his/her unique strengths and needs in each of the 4 Project Goal areas. For these project participants, Community Based Organizations will provide case management, mental health intervention and, as needed, linkage to civil legal services, assistance to access and sustain care in substance use treatment, and support to obtain and maintain safe and appropriate housing.

STEPS TO SUCCESS DIVERSION PROGRAM PROCESS MAP



*Assessments, Civil Legal Services, and Case Management will be resourced out.

**Permanent Housing Funds will go directly to program participants.

***Civil Legal Services can be utilized by participants any time after contact by Probation.

v. Performance Objectives

HHSA, in partnership with a professional evaluation firm, will use a Results-Based Accountability model to measure progress towards the following objectives. Each of the components listed in the Project Description section (page 2, above) will complete tracking and reporting on objectives in the RBA, as relevant to the specific component within the overall Steps to Success project.

The awarded proposer will be required to track and report on the bullets below.

1. How much did we do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 people will be contacted and assessed during outreach each year • 75 people will be provided with case management and treatment each year • 200 people will be provided with civil legal education and/or services each year • 30 people will be provided with rapid re-housing assistance each year
2. How well did we do?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% of potential project participants will have an assessment completed (ORAS, LOCUS, ASAM, ANSA and/or VI-SPDAT as appropriate) within 30 days of initial engagement • 50% of individuals who are contacted through outreach and determined to be eligible for the program will choose to voluntarily participate • 90% of project participants will be engaged in case management and treatment services within 30 days of enrollment in the project • Demographic makeup of project participants will be comparable to demographic makeup of overall arrestee population in Yolo County (approximately 47% white, 34% Hispanic or Latino, 3% Asian, 3% Other/Multiple Races, 13% Black)
3. Is anyone better off?
<i>Criminal Justice Involvement</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of participants will not recidivate while engaged with the program • 75% of participants will not recidivate within 12 months of graduating the program • 50% fewer days in jail for participants while in the program • 50% fewer arrests/tickets for participants while in the program
<i>Housing Stability</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% of participants will secure and/or maintain permanent housing • 80% of participants who secure permanent housing will remain housed at 6 months
<i>Physical and Behavioral Health</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% fewer emergency care visits while in the program, as compared to year prior to enrollment • 75% fewer days in psychiatric hospitalization while in the program, as compared to year prior to enrollment
<i>Self-Sufficiency</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% of participants will secure monthly income (employment or permanent benefit) • 90% of those eligible will enroll in CalFresh • 100% of those eligible will enroll in health insurance