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Yolo County Justice Partners Apply for Grant Funding to Augment Diversion Programs

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County District Attorney’s office, the Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA), Public Defender, and Probation will seek state funding to add additional diversion options by developing and expanding the County’s current mental health and drug treatment programs. There will be two projects proposed, one administered by the DA and the other by HHSA. Funding received will be prioritized for involved treatment providers.

The State’s Grant Funding provides for Mental Health Services, Substance Use Disorder Treatment, and Diversion Programs for People in the Criminal Justice System. The impactful and innovative Steps to Success program in Yolo County, which operated from 2018 to 2021, was also funded by this grant.

As part of the proposal process, the DA and partner agencies will hold public meetings to share project ideas and receive input from community members and consumers regarding areas of need and preferred approaches for addressing the issues of substance use and mental health. These meetings will be held virtually and will be open to the public. Dates and information on how to participate will be announced soon.

Additionally, members will be solicited for a diverse Local Advisory Committee composed of various stakeholders, community partners, consumers, and other interested parties. This body will advise the Lead Agency on identifying and prioritizing needs, strategies, programs and/or services to address those needs, and development and ongoing implementation of the grant project. Committee meetings will be publicly announced and open to the public.

Find the [overview of the proposed target population and project plans](#). Interested community members are encouraged to email Prop47@yolocounty.org to receive regular updates and information.

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