

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-132

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ACCEPT A \$30,000 CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUNDING ALLOCATION FROM THE SANTA ROSA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AWARD THE FUNDS TO CROSSING THE JORDAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Rohnert Park desires to accept a \$30,000 allocation of funding provided by the California Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) to the police departments of Sonoma County, currently held by the Santa Rosa Police Department as fiscal agent; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety desires to provide such funds to Crossing the Jordan, a non-profit group, to be used to increase positive outcomes with high risk populations by offering outreach to homeless individuals and high risk youth, and to provide counseling, referrals, and other services to such individuals who need assistance with drug and alcohol related additions; and,

WHEREAS, this funding shall be a one-time award to Crossing the Jordan; and

WHEREAS, the funds received pursuant to this Resolution shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, expenditures by the Department of Public Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park that it does hereby authorize the Director of the Department of Public Safety and the Director of Finance to (1) accept funding in the amount of the \$30,000 from the Santa Rosa Police Department on behalf of the City of Rohnert Park, and to further award such funds to Crossing the Jordan, and (2) execute all contracts, reports, and other documents as may be required to receive such funds and comply with applicable guidelines from the BSCC and Department of Finance.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 14th day of November 2017.

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK


Jake Mackenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:


JoAnne M. Buergler, City Clerk

AHANOTU: Aye BELFORTE: Aye CALLINAN: Aye STAFFORD: Aye MACKENZIE: Aye
AYES: (5) NOES: (0) ABSENT: (0) ABSTAIN: (0)



Partnership Proposal
Rohnert Park Police Department
August 31, 2017

The Proposal

Crossing the Jordan Foundation, Inc. seeks to partner with Rohnert Park Police Department for the purpose of serving those in need and assisting those that are struggling to transition into a healthy lifestyle.

Who We Are

Crossing the Jordan operates an 18-month residential Life Transformation Program. The program serves women and mothers with children who are addicted, homeless, battered, or are victims of human trafficking. Originally, we served only women and children. Since late 2013, we have added 2 residential men's facilities. The residential program provides recovery groups, parenting, counseling, mentoring, and job skills training. Programs provide long-term transitional assistance in securing permanent housing and career placement. As a gift, each graduate is provided a vehicle upon graduation.

Who We Serve

Domestic Violence

Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in the United States—more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined.

One in every four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime.

The number of American troops killed in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2012 was 6,488. The number of American women who were murdered by current or ex male partners during that time was 11,766. That's nearly double the amount of casualties lost during war.

3 women are murdered every day in the US by an intimate male partner.

Children Witnesses of Domestic Violence

5 million children witness domestic violence each year in the US.

Children in homes with violence are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate 1500% higher than the national average.

Those who grow up with domestic violence are 6 times more likely to commit suicide and 50 times more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol.

Addiction

9 million women have used illegal drugs in the past year.

Substance use by a pregnant mother can lead to long-term and even fatal effects, including low birth weight, birth defects, small head size, premature birth, problems with learning, memory, and emotional control.

Human Trafficking

Sex trafficking is a form of modern slavery that exists throughout the United States.

1 in 6 endangered runaways reported to them were likely sex trafficking victims.

The average entry age of American minors into the sex trade is 12-14 years old.

The prevalence and anonymity of the internet has fueled the rapid growth of sex trafficking, making the trade of women and children easier than ever before.

Homelessness

Child and family homelessness is an escalating crisis.

Approximately 1.6 million children will experience homelessness over the course of a year. On any given day, researchers estimate that more than 200,000 children have no place to live.

Over 92% of homeless mothers have experienced severe physical and/or sexual abuse during their lifetime.

What We Provide

Housing

Providing long-term housing solutions is at the heart of our mission. Stabilizing the family while they heal and learn is the key to the success of our programs; most of the residents have never experienced a home environment that is safe and healthy. Our mission includes making the house a home.

Crossing the Jordan currently operates 3 residential facilities with plans to open new homes throughout the country. The large main facility is for women and children with a license to serve 35 beds. There are two facilities for men and single fathers with a total of 36 additional beds.



Career Training

No matter your past, employment is crucial for social integration, physical and mental health, well-being, and self-realization. Crossing the Jordan currently operates an online store, four retail locations, and a clothing export operation. Residents are trained during the program and offered full-time employment upon graduation. Currently, over 80% of our management staff are Crossing the Jordan graduates.



Trainings & Workshops

Crossing the Jordan has partnered with GAP Community, founded by Jean-Marie Jobs, to offer Life Transformational Training Workshops for our residents and graduates. GAP Community trainers provide world-class workshops for the purpose of personal transformation.

GAP Community offers one- to four-day trainings that illuminate new ways of thinking and acting so residents can reach their vision—at home, at work, and in their community. The trainings provide interactive exercises, facilitated debriefs, and opportunities to explore and challenge what residents believe about themselves, others, and their circumstances. This heightened awareness allows them to gain powerful insights into how those beliefs determine their day-to-day choices. The insights the residents gain at training empower them to determine whether these beliefs are supporting their vision or if they are actually working against themselves to sabotage the future they have declared that they want.



Health

Crossing the Jordan understands the connection between the mind and body. We provide the opportunity for our residents to learn to “eat clean” and how that can impact their lives. Additionally, we have incorporated a fitness program into our curriculum which includes partnering with local boxing clubs and CrossFit trainers.

We have also partnered with Sarah Grieb, the founder of Optimal You Expeditions. Optimal You’s mission is to inspire people to achieve their Optimal Health regardless of circumstance or adversity. We are dedicated to empowering individuals to passionately pursue their Optimal You through exploration, adventure, and fun. We appreciate that each person is unique and will define what is “optimal” according to his or her own vision.



Living with Purpose Curriculum

Crossing the Jordan has developed a unique curriculum that is currently in the process of becoming an evidence based program. With a success rate of 80% of those graduated, our programs are quickly getting noticed by those in the community but also from a former Stanford Professor, Michael Howe, who will be conducting a study to document our success that is currently more 5 times that of the National average for successful transitioning our residents into permanent housing.

Partnering with Rohnert Park Policy Department

Crossing the Jordan’s co-founder, Dana Bryant, currently resides on the Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force as a first responder. Her husband and co-founder, Michael Bryant, works with local county probation and state parole for the purpose of serving the men in our community. Through these relationships, Crossing the Jordan has experience in working with local law enforcement in assisting the homeless of our county.

Crossing the Jordan has a outreach team on staff that will come out on calls if a local policer officer has found a homeless and/drug addicted person that is desiring to get help. Crossing the Jordan proposes to have that same team serve the residents and/or homeless of the city of Rohnert Park.

Crossing the Jordan will send out a staff member when we receive one of these calls. We will then screen that person and offer services and/or referrals. In the case that this person is under the influence, we would offer to bring the person to Orenda Detox Center in Santa Rosa. If that person is desiring to enter our program, we will continue to case manage them in partnership with the Orenda Detox Center and enter them in our program if they are accepted. We can also offer them other referrals if they need guidance. Crossing the Jordan’s mission is to serve those that have lost hope and are hurting. It is our honor and privilege to partner in this way.

**BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC)
LOCAL FUNDING AGREEMENT**

The intent of this document is to provide information to the signatories listed below regarding the use of the funds provided by the State through the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to front line law enforcement to address crime impacts in their communities as a result of the Realignment Act of 2011 (AB109).


The California Police Chiefs Association proposed that the funds be used:

- Regionally.
- In collaboration with other police departments to address crime impacts in their communities.
- In partnership or collaboration with Sonoma County Probation.
- Employing best and promising practices.
- Focusing on serious, violent crimes and habitually non-compliant offenders.
- Supported by crime and data analysis for greatest impact and to provide evaluative information to support demonstration of outcomes.

Police Chiefs from Sonoma County along with the Sonoma County Sheriff and the Sonoma County Chief Probation Officer have agreed to the following:

- This funding will be used regionally for the benefit of the entire county versus each municipality receiving a portion of the funds.
- The focus of the funds will be used to address gaps in the Criminal Justice System and to help ensure a safe community.
- The persons who will be the focus of the law enforcement operations should fall into one of the following categories:
 1. Persons on felony probation determined to be a high risk to re-offend;
 2. Habitual felony offenders determined to be a high risk to re-offend with outstanding warrants;
 3. PRCS persons with outstanding warrants; and
 4. High risk persons sentenced per 1170(h), without a split sentence, after they have been directly released from custody to the community, or high risk persons sentenced per 1170(h) with a brief split sentence, following their completion of Mandatory Supervision.
- The Sonoma County Probation Department shall conduct risk assessments to establish the list of individuals subject to operations involving the use of these funds.

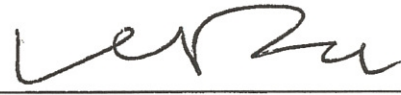
Additionally, the Santa Rosa Police Department has been identified as the fiscal agent of these funds for Sonoma County. All signatories of this document also agree to follow the steps identified in the guidelines for the pre-operation, operation, post-operation and reimbursement procedure as created by each of the partner agencies.


MARK TUMA, Chief of Police
Cloverdale Police Department

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Dated


MICHAEL PARISH, Chief of Police
Cotati Police Department

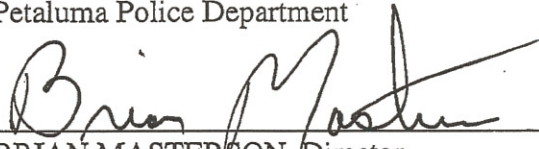
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KEVIN BURKE, Chief of Police
Healdsburg Police Department

08-06-13
Dated


PATRICK WILLIAMS, Chief of Police
Petaluma Police Department


8-1-2013
Dated


BRIAN MASTERSON, Director
Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety

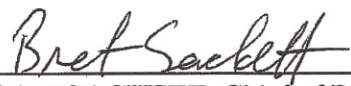
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THOMAS SCHWEDHELM, Chief of Police
Santa Rosa Police Department

7.30.13
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JEFF WEAVER, Chief of Police
Sebastopol Police Department

8-1-2013
Dated


BRET SACKETT, Chief of Police
Sonoma Police Department

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CHRIS SPALLINO, Chief of Police
Windsor Police Department

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