

CRIMINAL JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

PROBATION AGENDA

March 22, 2023

Committee Members: Supervisors Geraci, Magowan, Smith, Conover, McDevitt, Driscoll and Leggett

I. Committee meeting called to order by Chair

II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting

III. Privilege of the floor and public comment

IV. Action Agenda/New Business Items:

1. **Request** - To apply for 13-A Classification Funding from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$13,140 for the term 7/1/23-6/30/24.

Rational – Funding supports our department’s Pretrial Release Program.

V. Discussion Items:

- Specialized Secure Detention Issue/Temporary Adolescent Offender Jail Placement-Oneida County Jail. Amended RTA Plan with the Office of Children and Family Services.
- Opportunity Garden Project in conjunction with Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District and Warren County Department of Public Works (including Building and Grounds).

VI. Referrals/Pending Items:

- None

VII. Privilege of the floor and public comment

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Attachments: 1. Resolution NO.5

RESOLUTION REQUEST FORM NO. 5

Request to Apply for a Grant Application and Grant Agreement

DEPARTMENT NAME: Probation

DATE: 3/22/23

- (a) Purpose of Grant: **To ratify actions of the Probation Department to apply for 13-A Classification funding in the amount of \$13,140 with NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services to support our Pretrial Release Program.**
- (b) Name of Grantor: **NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services**
- (c) Address of Contractor: **80 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210**
- (d) Grantor's Contact Person and Telephone Number: **Nicole Aldi, (518) 485-8547**
- (e) Has or Will the Grant Application or Grant Agreement be provided, if so, Please Attach? **will be provided**
- (f) Effective Date of Grant: **7/1/23**
- (g) Termination Date of Grant: **6/30/24**
- (h) Total Dollar Amount Involved (not to exceed): **\$13,140**
- (i) Deadline to Submit Grant Application and/or Grant Agreement: **March 27, 2023**
- (j) Is a Budget amendment required? **No** If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 7.
- (k) Are the funds to go into a Capital Project or Capital Reserve Project? **No** If yes, also complete and submit Form No. 8 or Form No. 9, as applicable.
- (i) Is a Local Share Required? **No** If Yes, Where are the Funds? List Budget Code, Object Code, Full Title* and Amount **OR** Capital Project **OR** Capital Reserve Project Number and Title and Amount:

**Sample: A.1010 470 Legislative Board – Contract Sxx.xx
Capital Project No. H289.9550 480 – Old Jail Renovations Sxx.xx**

*as listed in budget and LOGOS

Opportunity Garden Project

Location: Warren County Municipal Center back field and possibly center.

Agency: Warren County Probation Department

Warren County Probation Department

Efforts to engage at risk youth in pro social activity through gardening have proven effective at reducing risks that contribute to criminogenic tendencies as well as increases stretches that promote law abiding life styles. Studies show that gardening can assist youth in developing a sense of self that results in positive self-esteem and positive youth development. In addition, studies have proven that gardening and working with soil improves behavioral health and mental health. We believe that by creating a gardening project through the probation unit we can provide an opportunity for youth to develop positive and safe recreational activities, increase landscaping and horticulture on the site job skills, learn to take responsibility, develop pride, develop critical thinking and self-confidence, learn environmental science and if the project is successful in producing abundant edible vegetables we will create a restorative justice opportunity by growing nutritious food to donate to local shelters and/or Warren Center.

Probation has discussed utilizing Warren County grounds in correlation with Warren County Buildings and Grounds Department to assist the probation officers and the juveniles in the project for the purpose of planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting the garden. We plan to start the project in April with seedlings in our windows at the municipal center and after Memorial Day to plant in the ground weather permitting. We plan to seek support of the board of supervisors at our next committee meeting.

Pumpkins-Summer Squash-Zucchini-Tomato's And possibly flower garden.

In collaboration with the Warren Washington County Youth Bureau who has agreed to lend us tools (watering cans, hoses, etc.) and help with the project.

Starting in April probation staff and youth will be meeting weekly to develop a plan of action for the project.

Project needs:

Potting soil and composting mix bags to start seedlings.

Pete moss coasters for seedlings (two crates 50-100 count).

Seeds: Pumpkins-Summer Squash-Zucchini-Tomato's and Sun flowers.

2-3 truck loads of soil to commence the outdoor planting.

Project Cost: \$500-\$800