

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 84 -2024

A resolution providing a Stipend to Court Services Officers & Acting Juvenile Probation Manager for additional responsibilities associated with the Housing Stability for Youth in Courts (HSYNC) program

WHEREAS, the YMCA of Greater Seattle through the Housing Division Office of Homeless Youth allocated funding to the Okanogan County Juvenile Court to serve high-risk youth and families through community programs particularly to address youth homelessness and housing instability; and

WHEREAS, the funding for programs is from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2025, with the possibility of additional funding through the Housing Division Office of Homeless Youth; and

WHEREAS, Funding for Juvenile Services can be utilized for the purpose of hiring a homeless youth coordinator to engage youth and families to achieve specific, obtainable changes related to homelessness that may lead to contact with juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Court Services Officers, Wendy Smith, Mikel Ward, and Jesse Rushlow working in the Juvenile Delinquency Unit & Acting Juvenile Probation Manager, Michael Beaver possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities that will provide counseling and coordination services pursuant to the recognized evidence-based-programs for at-risk youth and their families using standards developed by the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners that the Department of Juvenile and Family Services provide the community with the best available resources to serve at-risk homeless youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners that effective June 21, 2024, the above-named employees will access monthly special funding from the YMCA of Greater Seattle through the Housing Division Office of Homeless Youth totaling \$1,875 per month. This amount will be shared between the staff as follows up to \$475 a month to each Court Services Officer named above who will share the Coordination of service for HSYNC program through the regions and youth they serve the remaining \$450 will go to Acting Probation Manager for tracking the data and overseeing the HSYNC program. The amount shared will only continue as long as funding is received from the YMCA of Greater Seattle for the HSYNC program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the hours committed to the program will be beyond the normal forty-hour workweek of their current position and that hours worked for by the hourly employees for the purpose of providing service for these funds will use the following codes HSYNC ST- straight time and HSYNC - overtime.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 18th day of June, 2024.



ATTEST:

Latefia Johns, CMC, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**

ABSENT

Jon Neal, Chairman

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