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**Agenda Item  
Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, August 25, 2026**

**Item Number: 1.9**

**MEETING DATE:** 08/25/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** PROBATION

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Lorraine Carrasquillo

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Ashlyn Canez

**SUBJECT:**

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT - A. CANEZ**

1. Approve contract with New Hope for Youth, a non-profit corporation, for \$70,000.00 annually and a total not to exceed \$210,000.00, from the period of August 25, 2026, through June 30, 2029, for Workforce Development Navigator (WDN) services; and
  2. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer or designee to sign the contract.
- SBC FILE NUMBER: 510

**AGENDA SECTION:**

CONSENT AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

On December 19, 2025, the San Benito County Probation Department issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to procure Workforce Development Navigator (WDN) services through a grant-funded initiative. Following the competitive procurement process, the RFQ was awarded to the New Hope for Youth, a nonprofit organization that will provide Workforce Development Navigator services in support of the Probation Department and youth served at the San Benito County Youth Services Center (YSC).

Six (6) responses (**one incomplete**) were received, and the following Evaluation Criteria was used to score each submission:

**EVALUATION CRITERIA - The Evaluation criteria and their respective weights are as follows:**

| Criteria | Scoring Method | Weight (Points) |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|
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|                                                                                  |             |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| General Qualifications and Experience of Firm, Experience Providing Similar Work | Point Based | 75 (75% of Total) |
| Price Evaluation (Cost Value)                                                    | Point Based | 25 (25% of Total) |

### AGGREGATE SCORES SUMMARY

| Vendor                  | Evaluator 1 | Evaluator 2 | Evaluator 3 | Total Score<br>(Max Score 100) |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| New Hope for Youth      | 89          | 95          | 90          | 91.33                          |
| CalLINKS                | 89          | 85          | 87          | 87                             |
| Self                    | 80          | 70          | 65          | 71.67                          |
| New Hope for Youth      | 89          | 0           | 90          | 59.67 *                        |
| JMIM Dance Co           | 83          | 30          | 62          | 58.33                          |
| Jose Alejandro Camozano | 30          | 0           | 0           | 10                             |

\* Incomplete Submission

### VENDOR SCORES BY EVALUATION CRITERIA

| Vendor                   | General Qualifications and Experience of Firm, Experience Providing Similar Work Points Based 75 Points (75%) | Price Evaluation (Cost Value) Points Based 25 Points (25%) | Total Score<br>(Max Score 100) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| New Hope for Youth       | 69.7                                                                                                          | 21.7                                                       | 91.33                          |
| CalLinks                 | 65.7                                                                                                          | 21.3                                                       | 87                             |
| Self                     | 51                                                                                                            | 20.7                                                       | 71.67                          |
| New Hope for Youth       | 44.7                                                                                                          | 15                                                         | 59.67                          |
| JMM Dance Co             | 45                                                                                                            | 13.3                                                       | 58.33                          |
| Jose Alejandro Campozano | 6.7                                                                                                           | 3.3                                                        | 10                             |

The Workforce Development Navigator (WDN) reports to the San Benito County Probation Department and will be embedded within the San Benito County Youth Services Center facility, providing direct services to youth in detention. The primary responsibility of this position is to identify youth with physical or mental impairments, engage with them, and refer them to the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) for service eligibility. The WDN will work with the Master Service Contractor (MSC) Amity or designated subcontractor to develop Individualized Plans for Employment (IPE), support the youth's employment, career, or education case plan, and track progress. The WDN will participate in training on DOR eligibility identification, motivational interviewing, and destigmatizing for youth with "diverse abilities."

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) grant for the amount of \$70,000 annually for a three-year period under an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), also a department in the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS). These are federal funds, pre-matched at the state level, that do not require a local match. The funds will support the services provided by a Workforce Development Navigator (WDN) to youth living in both secure settings as well as in the community in pursuit of educational and vocational services designed to lead to employment and career opportunities.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Agenda Fact Sheet - New Hope for Youth](#)

[New Hope for Youth Contract - WDN](#)

[RFQ - WDN - Probation](#)

[Notice of Intent to Award](#)