



El Paso County Agenda Item Details

Item Title: CJC – MOU with Workforce Solutions Borderplex for El Paso Promise Program (2025-0281)

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Subject: Approve and authorize the County Judge to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of El Paso, on behalf of the Criminal Justice Coordination Department, and Workforce Solutions Borderplex to provide justice-involved individuals participating in the El Paso Promise Program with equitable access to workforce training, vocational education and certification courses, or a college education for a twelve-month term beginning April 7, 2025. There is no fiscal impact to the County. (Contract No. 2025-0281)

Background: As part of Commissioners Court's vision to increase mobility opportunities for justice-involved individuals, the El Paso Promise Program is focused on providing job skills, workforce training, and educational opportunities to transition age youth (17-28 years of age) who are justice-involved. This comprehensive program will assist in the identification and placement of participants in interest-related, appropriate training and educational opportunities.

As part of the second phase of establishing the El Paso Promise Program, community partners have been identified who can provide educational and workforce training opportunities to justice-involved participants.

Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB) will provide individualized career navigation, job placement assistance, and access to industry-recognized training and certification programs for El Paso Promise participants. WSB will allocate up to \$6,000 in training support for up to five eligible participants, distributing funds quarterly at \$300 per participant. Additionally, WSB may offer wraparound services such as school supplies, transportation assistance, and other support to

help remove barriers to success.

Contract Number: 2025-0281
Contract Term Start: 4/6/2025
Contract Term End: 4/5/2025
County Attorney Opinion Number:

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Impact Historical
There is no fiscal impact.

Fiscal Impact Projected
There is no fiscal impact.

Long Account Number: Amount:

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Budget or Unbudgeted Match:

Recommendation:

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Prior Action:

No prior court action has been taken.

Strategic Plan:

Goal:

1. Lead Justice Reform

Objective:

Strategic Plan Information:

1.6 Increase Mobility Opportunities for Justice-Involved
1.6.1 El Paso Promise Plan – Phase 2: Concepts, Report, Direction, Partners, and Funding

**Estimated Time Needed
For This Item:**