

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**

**MINUTE ORDER NO. 12**

**SUBJECT: RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORK PLAN, APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO LEASE SPACE FOR A RESOURCE AND REENTRY HUB, AND AUTHORITY FOR FUTURE ATI-RELATED GRANTS (DISTRICTS: ALL)**

**OVERVIEW**

The Board of Supervisors (Board) initiated Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) on October 19, 2021 (3), directing data collection, analysis, best practice review, and stakeholder engagement to develop recommendations for County actions and investments in treatment and supportive services to reduce jail use for individuals who did not pose a public safety threat. Staff have returned periodically to the Board to provide updates on the ATI work plan received by the Board on May 23, 2023 (20). Since then, the Board directed the development of additional ATI actions related to transportation, care coordination and housing services for individuals released from County jails on December 10, 2024 (1).

ATI is a collaborative approach aimed at reducing justice involvement and jail use for people who do not pose a public safety threat through effective, equitable and accessible community-based supportive services, and systemic efforts to connect justice-involved individuals to the help they need. ATI programs are expected to reduce initial or future arrests and incarceration while increasing equity, health, and self-sufficiency. Partners in ATI include County and City of San Diego health and justice departments, the Office of Equity and Racial Justice, the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement, the Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Analytics, and community partners representing diverse perspectives.

Today's recommendations include receiving an update on the initial ATI work plan actions, evaluation and plans for new ATI actions, and authorizing a real estate search and lease negotiations for a Resource and Reentry Hub. Today's actions would also support identifying and leveraging grant funding to support ATI programs by waiving Board Policy B-29 and authorizing the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO) for PSG, or the HHSA director, through June 30, 2030, to apply for grant funding that supports ATI in the areas of prevention, diversion and reentry programs.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Receive a presentation on Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) work plan, including updates on the ATI work plan, new planned and proposed ATI actions, and ATI evaluation.
2. Approve actions related to siting a Resource and Reentry Hub (the Hub):
  - a. Find that the proposed action is not an approval of a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378 (b)(5) of the State CEQA guidelines.
  - b. Approve in principle the lease of approximately 6,000-square-feet of office space in the central San Diego region for the Hub.

- c. Authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to conduct a site search, negotiate a lease, and upon successful negotiations, return to the Board for approval of the lease agreement.
3. Waive Board Policy B-29, Fees, Grants, Revenue Contracts - Department Responsibility for Cost Recovery, which requires prior approval of grant applications and full cost recovery for grants, and authorize the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the Public Safety Group or the Health and Human Services Agency Director, or their designees, through June 30, 2030, to apply for grant funding that supports alternatives to incarceration in the areas of prevention, diversion and reentry programs to provide assistance to justice-impacted individuals, and to execute all required grant documents including any annual extensions, amendments and/or revisions thereto that do not materially impact or alter the services or funding level.

### **EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Nationally and in San Diego County, arrest and incarceration disproportionately impact people of color and those who are low-income, disabled, experiencing homelessness, and/or have behavioral health needs. San Diego County jail data indicate that Black individuals composed more than 27% of the average daily jail population in 2024, and 44% were Hispanic/Latinx. Additionally, 36% of incarcerated individuals surveyed during the 2024 Jail Point in Time Count reported they were experiencing unsheltered homelessness prior to their current arrest. Approximately, 43% of the current incarcerated population who were experiencing homelessness reported they had previously been in a juvenile detention facility. The Alternatives to Incarceration initiative aims to create equitable pathways to services that reduce justice system contact and episodes of incarceration to advance equity and address systemic disparities in the justice system.

### **SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The actions proposed in today's item contribute to the County of San Diego's Sustainability Goals of engaging the community, providing just and equitable access, and protecting health and well-being. The ongoing Alternatives to Incarceration initiative is intended to positively impact the communities and socioeconomic groups historically burdened by incarceration with better long-term health, well-being, and opportunity. Extensive community engagement through surveys, community listening sessions, and an external Advisory Group including individuals with lived experience is a major component of the initiative.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving today's updated Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) plan actions and ATI evaluation. Funding for the new ATI work plan programs (Attachment B) of \$9,533,997 are included in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 CAO Recommended Operational Plan and will be funded with Local Revenue Fund 2011, Public Safety Realignment (Community Corrections Subaccount). Staff will return to the Board as necessary to accept grant awards and to establish appropriations. There is no change in net General Fund costs or staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)

County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



**Signed**

**by** Andrew Potter