



CITY OF POMONA

COUNCIL REPORT

June 16, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Anita D. Scott, City Manager

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION (ECOCIV) FOR SERVICES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 47 (PROP 47) GRANT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Approve a forty-four-month agreement with EcoCiv in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 for their role in supporting the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) as it carries out the City of Pomona's California Proposition 47 Grant implementation and,
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any extensions, subsequent changes or amendments thereto, on behalf of the City, subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

EcoCiv seeks to partner with the City of Pomona through a 44-month agreement, from October 14, 2024, to June 30, 2028, to support program evaluation activities led by Dr. Gabriele Plickert. This partnership aims to assess the effectiveness of services that reduce recidivism, support justice-involved individuals, and strengthen community well-being. These evaluation efforts align with the wraparound strategies outlined in the Proposition 47 grant. As stated in the scope of work, the total contract amount will not exceed \$400,000.

SB1439/GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLICABILITY:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

FY 2024-25 funding for the agreement in the amount not to exceed \$80,000 is available in the Prop 47 Fund (187-0900-52285-00000). Funding for subsequent fiscal years will be included in the adopted budget.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On June 10, 2024, The City of Pomona Office of Violence Prevention & Neighborhood Wellbeing submitted an application for the Proposition 47 (Prop 47) Grant, administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC).

On October 3, 2024, The City of Pomona was notified of its successful application and awarded \$8,000,000 in funding through the Prop 47 Grant.

DISCUSSION:

On October 3, 2024, the City of Pomona was awarded \$8,000,000 by the Board of State and Community Corrections through the Proposition 47 Grant Program. Proposition 47 seeks to reduce incarceration for nonviolent offenses and reinvest the savings into community-based programs focused on mental health services, substance use treatment, victim support, housing assistance, and recidivism reduction.

To ensure accountability and enhance program effectiveness, the City of Pomona is entering into an agreement with the Institute of Ecological Civilization (EcoCiv) to serve as the fiscal agent for Dr. Gabriele Plickert, who will lead the external evaluation of the Proposition 47 initiative. EcoCiv brings extensive experience in supporting research, policy analysis, and systems-level change aimed at building more just and sustainable communities. Through this agreement, EcoCiv will provide administrative oversight and operational support to Dr. Plickert's evaluation efforts.

Dr. Plickert's evaluation, conducted in partnership with EcoCiv, will track program fidelity, assess intervention effectiveness, and offer actionable insights to guide continuous improvement. EcoCiv's role is essential in ensuring the independence, rigor, and integrity of the evaluation process. By documenting participant outcomes, identifying implementation barriers, and generating data-driven recommendations, the evaluation will serve as a critical tool for monitoring success and refining practices over time.

This work will complement the broader efforts led by the Pomona Office of Violence Prevention and God's Pantry, who are responsible for implementing the grant-funded services. These include mental health and substance use treatment, housing assistance, and job readiness programs designed to reduce recidivism and promote long-term stability. Additionally, tailored support will be provided to youth through expanded diversion programs that focus on academic success and recovery.

Together, the City of Pomona, EcoCiv, Dr. Plickert, and community partners are working to ensure that Proposition 47 funding delivers measurable, lasting impact by combining high-quality service delivery with robust, independent evaluation.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:

This item supports the 2021 City Council Priority No. 4 – Safe and Clean Community; Goal N – Take actions to eliminate prostitution, human trafficking, and gang-related violence.

ALTERNATIVE(S): None

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment No. 1 – Prop 47 EcoCiv Plickert Contract