



Interoffice Memorandum

December 15, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

FROM: 

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SUBJECT: Approval of Purchase Order M106185, Youth Mentoring Services

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of Purchase Order M106185, Youth Mentoring Services, with Credible Messengers of Florida LLC, in the total amount of \$150,000.

PROCUREMENT:

This purchase order will establish a one-year pilot youth mentoring program for the performance period of January 12, 2022 through January 31, 2023. This program model will be utilized at the Juvenile Assessment Center as way to mentor and engage the youth in non-traditional programs.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in account number 0001-023-0413-8610.

APPROVALS:

The Youth and Family Services Division concurs with this recommendation.

REMARKS:

On November 6, 2020, Orange County, engaged 37 local leaders and citizens in the Citizens Safety Task Force in response to the increasing number of youth violent crimes in Orange County. As a result of this task force, 20 recommendations were presented amongst all four subcommittees. Credible Messenger of Florida LLC was subsequently recommended by both the Prevention and Intervention Subcommittees. The Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force defined their mentoring program as mentors that have been involved in the justice system and have now changed their life. These Credible Messengers of Florida LLC mentors have similar life experiences and want to mentor and guide young people in a positive way. Credible Messengers of Florida LLC's mentors speak the same language and connect with youth on a different level. As they create trust and form relationships, the young people are provided a positive example of how to be successful in society. Credible Messengers of Florida LLC is owned and operated by certified Credible Messenger mentor Ruben Saldana and is based on highly successful national models currently implemented in the state of Washington, Washington, D.C., and the City of New York and is well positioned to lead local efforts based on a long track records of grassroots efforts in youth violence prevention. Mr. Saldana is the only fully certified credible messenger in Florida, who has been directly trained by Clinton Lacey under the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services Credible Messenger model. Staff has determined price reasonableness by comparison to the County of San Diego's purchase order for similar program.