

Resolution authorizing a professional service contract with Metropolitan Community Services Inc., (dba MCS/TOUCH) to provide pre-and post-release group mentoring, comprehensive post-release gender-specific supportive services, direct management and oversight of substance abuse case management, and non-traditional internships, as it relates to the Second Chance Act grant Pathways (OHS&JP) (\$47,225.52).

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board has designated reentry of ex-offenders returning to Franklin County from local and state institutions a priority emphasis area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice and Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded to Franklin County a Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Project for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles in the amount of \$747,859 for the provision of reentry services intended to reduce recidivism, increase opportunities for sustained employment while improving reintegration and reentry outcomes of female ex-offenders; and

WHEREAS, In December 2013, the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Assistance granted Franklin County a no cost grant extension until December 31, 2014, to focus attention on the local jail. The second iteration of Pathways will offer vocational training, peer mentoring, and seamless support services.

WHEREAS, In December 2014, the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Assistance granted Franklin County another no cost grant extension.

WHEREAS, the first extension focused attention on providing up to 50 adult female offenders incarcerated in the Franklin County Correctional Center II with reentry services, job readiness, and an introduction to industry-recognized certification in the green/clean energy sector that will support them in entering this emerging labor market and provide a career and training pathway.

WHEREAS, this second extension aims to provide 20 to 25 adult female offenders with reentry services, job readiness, a time-limited paid post-release internship in the electronic recycling market, and an additional focus on substance use disorders.

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WHEREAS, MCS/TOUCH will provide a comprehensive continuum of gender-specific cognitive-based services, social and supportive services, as well as linkages to reduce or eliminate barriers to safe and successful reintegration into the community. In addition, MCS/TOUCH will provide pre-and post-release group mentoring, hands-on job readiness skills, job coaching, time-limited paid internship and provide direct management and oversight of substance abuse case management services through Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc., (MOPS), to 20-25 Pathways participants.

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Purchasing Department and Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs has administratively approved this project and the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney has reviewed the contract and found it to be acceptable as to form; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

The attached contract for service and purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, under the FY 2012 Second Chance Act Technology Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles Grant are hereby approved for the agencies and project listed below with CY 2015 expenses not to exceed the listed contract amounts.

AGENCY
Metropolitan Community Services Inc.

CONTRACT AMOUNT
\$47,225.52

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CC: Auditor
Commissioners
OHS&JP
Metropolitan Community Services Inc.