

**BOCC APPROVAL MAY 8, 2019**  
**BOARD OF BIDS AND CONTRACTS MAY 2, 2019**

**ITEMS REQUIRING BOCC APPROVAL**  
**(5 Items)**

**1. PREVENTION/EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

**FUNDING -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

(Request sent to 66 vendors)

RFP #19-0014 Contract

	<b>Tiyospaye, Inc. dba Higher Ground</b>	<b>Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters</b>	<b>Kansas Legal Services</b>
Prevention/Early Intervention Services	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,331.00</b>	<b>\$29,397.00</b>
Program Name	<b>Learning the Ropes</b>	<b>Secondary and Tertiary Youth Mentoring</b>	Wichita Detention Advocacy Services Program
	<b>Center for Behavioral and Academic Research</b>	<b>The Pando Initiative, Inc.</b>	<b>Youth For Christ Wichita</b>
Prevention/Early Intervention Services	<b>\$145,686.00</b>	<b>\$66,784.00</b>	<b>\$20,943.00</b>
Program Name	<b>McAdams Academy</b>	<b>The Pando Initiative Prevention Services</b>	YFC Juvenile Justice Mentoring
	<b>EmberHope, Inc. dba EmberHope Youthville</b>		
Prevention/Early Intervention Services	<b>\$138,344.31</b>		
Program Name	<b>Functional Family Therapy</b>		
No Bid	Central Plains Health Care Partnership	Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County	Comcare of Sedgwick County
	DCCCA, Inc.	Derby Recreation Commission	Goodwill Industries of KS, Inc.
	Inter-Faith Ministries	Kansas Children's Service League	Mirror, Inc.
	Prairie View	Rainbow's United	YMCA

On the recommendation of Britt Rosencutter, on behalf of the Department of Corrections, Angela Caudillo moved to **accept the proposals and execute service provider agreements with Tiyospaye, Inc. dba Higher Ground for \$100,000.00, Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters for \$35,331.00, Center for Behavioral and Academic Research for \$145,686.00, The Pando Initiative, Inc. for \$66,784.00, and EmberHope, Inc. dba EmberHope Youthville for \$138,344.31.** Tim Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A committee consisting of Chris Collins-Thoman - Department of Corrections; Jeannette Livingston, Assistant Director - SCDDO; Delores Craig-Morland, Ph.D.- WSU consultant; and Britt Rosencutter - Purchasing evaluated all proposal responses based on the criteria set forth in the RFP. The committee agreed unanimously to accept the proposals as stated above.

The Sedgwick County Community Crime Prevention Fund utilizes current research to target grant dollars to achieve the greatest crime prevention impact and assist youth at risk of offending to improve the quality of their lives.

Sedgwick County is allocating approximately \$582,000.00 annually in support of prevention and early intervention programs targeted to youth at risk for juvenile delinquency.

Note:

Kansas Legal Services withdrew their proposal and it was decided that Youth for Christ Wichita would not receive funding at this time.

### *Questions and Answers*

Russell Leeds: Chris, could you please give us a brief overview for the record what these contracts are intended to accomplish?

Chris Collins-Thomas: In 2018, the crime prevention dollars under Sedgwick County were moved to the Department of Corrections but there was already a 3 year RFP in progress at that time so this will be the first year of us being responsible all the way through the RFP through contracts. The services we get, Higher Ground, target substance abuse treatment. Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters is a new partner this cycle who will be doing mentoring. We have asked them to focus on the highest risk youth and hardest to match. They have agreed to 15 matches within 6 months so we can then hopefully see some outcomes from the last of the contract year.

The services through the Center for Behavioral and Academic Research is actually a gap service. We had put that out for RFP on the Sedgwick County KDOC grant site at one point. There weren't really any other service providers that were willing to take youth that were in short term suspension or expulsion from school. The school district at that point does not have a service for them but this service provider will take those youth. He has an online training course he does with them for credits towards their high school diploma. He also does life skills and other cog-based services within that. We have had our WSU consultants working with them on implementing more evidence-based programming into their service, because again, it's not one that as a whole is evidenced-based. For our purpose and keeping our youth busy when they are suspended or expelled, this is a perfect match for us.

The Pando Initiative works in the middle schools targeting youths in the moderate to high risk range for potential to offend. They may not have offended yet. This year they will also be branching out to the Derby School District, which I know one of the commissioners is very interested in because most of the services have previously been in Wichita as opposed to the surrounding communities.

We have partnered with EmberHope for a number of years for functional family therapy. They did have some poor outcomes last year and we asked them to do a corrective action plan. They lost some of their referral base when the State of Kansas, Kansas Department of Corrections contracted with a different provider locally to provide those services. They do provide us a gap service for those youth who aren't in the custody of KDOC or receiving those services. Even though it looks like it's a large amount, the for-service profit in the national database shows that per cost they're still meeting that amount.

Russell Leeds: How many programs did we have in 2018?

Chris Collins-Thomas: We had 6 in 2018. What happened this time is one of our current providers, for whatever reason, said they didn't get the proposal that it was on the list to be sent out so we will have a little bit left over and plan to do another round with that overage to get another secondary prevention provider in place. We hope they will apply because again they target that middle school range