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CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS AWARDS \$1 MILLION GRANT TO CITY OF SAN FERNANDO/ FERNANDEÑO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS TO CREATE A YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM

San Fernando, CA – In March 2019, San Fernando City Council approved a partnership with The Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians ("the Tribe") to apply for a Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) from California's Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) in partnership with Education and Cultural Learning Department and Pukúu Cultural Community Services, the Tribe's non-profit organization.

In June 2019, the City received notification from BSCC that the grant application was approved for a total of \$1 million in funding over the three-year program term. The funding will be used to implement the Tribe's YRG Program, called "Tataviam Pasék'vitam P'u'ú Amínuktu (TPPA): San Fernando Youth Reinvestment Program," which is a trauma-informed and community-led diversion program offering an alternative to arrest or incarceration for San Fernando and nearby youth between the ages of 13 and 17 who are suspected of committing low-level offenses.

Through this partnership, the City will host the program at the Las Palmas Park facility and the Tribe will provide case management and programming with three goals: 1) increase cultural competency, 2) reduce incarceration and recidivism, and 3) improve academic success. TPPA provides a continuum of direct and indirect services to each individual youth, family, and community. These services include: academic education, mental health, behavioral health, and mentoring. TPPA will recruit through school, city, and county referrals. The YRG funds extend from July 1, 2019 through February 8, 2023.

The partnership between the City of San Fernando and the Tribe is a mutually beneficial relationship that will further improve the quality of life in our community. For more information about the YRG Program, please visit tataviam-nsn.us.

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