



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-559

MEETING: September 24, 2019  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator  
RE: Artist-In-Residency/Poetry Workshop Agreement

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### RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Agreement Between the Mariposa County Arts Council and the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office to Provide an Artist-In-Residency/Poetry Workshop for Inmates at the Mariposa County Adult Detention Facility; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The program is designed to encourage participating inmate's creative skills and self-expression.

This is the second year of this program which is part of a large study measuring the impact of the arts programming on inmates in county jails across the state supported by the CA Lawyers for the Arts and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Mariposa County Arts Council will provide the teaching artists, curriculum and supplies to county inmates at no cost to the inmates or county. The program will occur once a week and classes can last up to 3 hours, during which time the teaching artists will hold multiple sessions to support the separate housing blocks to incorporate all interested inmates.

The Mariposa County Sheriff's Office custodial deputy staff necessary in providing security for the teaching artists and inmates during the program will be reimbursed via the MOU. The Mariposa County Arts Council will compensate the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office for up to 30 hours of class time supervision per straight time or overtime rate, whichever is applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:** This is the second year that an Arts Council program of this type has been offered to inmates at the Mariposa County Adult Detention Facility. This agreement has been approved in the past.

**ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:** If this agreement is not supported this specific inmate betterment program will not be provided.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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**This MOU funding provided by Mariposa County Arts Council. There is no negative impact to the County General Fund.**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**Arts in Residency Contract (PDF)**

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey