

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**AN RESOLUTION** authorizing the County Executive to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Michael Toombs of Kansas City, MO, for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office's New Start Program, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$15,000.12.

**RESOLUTION #17798**, January 30, 2012

**INTRODUCED BY** James D. Tindall, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Office recommends a Cooperative Agreement with Michael Toombs of Kansas City (Jackson County), MO, to serve as the manager for the New Start Program, at a cost to the County not to exceed \$15,000.12; and,

WHEREAS, the New Start Program will serve youths who are at risk of receiving a felony conviction on their record and will provide life skill classes for the participants, focusing on decision-making, problem-solving, team-building, coping skills, self-discover, change and conflict resolution, preparing the future, confidence building, and anger management; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Toombs will serve as the project manager, conducting monthly classes and serving as a mentor to the youth participants, for the period of February 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, MO, that the County Executive be and hereby is authorized to execute a Cooperative Agreement with Michael Toombs at a cost to the County not to exceed \$15,000.12, in a form to be

approved by the County Counselor; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Finance and Purchasing be and hereby is authorized to make all payments, including final payment on the contract.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Greg D. Hodler*  
Chief Deputy County Counselor

*W. Stephen For*  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution #17798 of January 23, 2012, was duly passed on February 13, 2012 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

2.13.12  
Date

*Mary Jo Spino*  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 008 4154 56080  
ACCOUNT TITLE: Anti-Drug Sales Tax Fund  
Deferred Prosecution  
Other Professional Services  
NOT TO EXCEED: \$15,000.12

January 24, 2012  
Date

*Robert W. ...*  
Director of Finance and Purchasing

# REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Completed by County Counselor's Office:

Res/~~Ord~~ No.: 17798

Sponsor(s): James D. Tindall

Date: January 30, 2012

<p>SUBJECT</p>	<p>Action Requested  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution  <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance</p> <p>Project/Title: <u>Requesting a Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into an Agreement with Michael Toombs in the amount of \$15,000.12.</u></p>												
<p>BUDGET INFORMATION  <i>To be completed By Requesting Department and Finance</i></p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:</td> <td>\$15,000.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total amount authorized after this legislative action:</td> <td>\$15,000.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number;</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>FROM Anti Drug Sales Tax Fund – 008; Prosecuting Attorney Deferred Prosecution – 4154; Other Professional Services - 56080</td> <td>FROM ACCT \$15,000.12</td> </tr> </table> <p>* If account includes additional funds for other expenses, total budgeted in the account is: \$</p> <p>OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No budget impact (no fiscal note required)  <input type="checkbox"/> Term and Supply Contract (funds approved in the annual budget); estimated value and use of contract:  Department: Estimated Use: \$</p> <p>Prior Year Budget (if applicable):  Prior Year Actual Amount Spent (if applicable):</p>	Amount authorized by this legislation this fiscal year:	\$15,000.12	Amount previously authorized this fiscal year:	\$	Total amount authorized after this legislative action:	\$15,000.12	Amount budgeted for this item * (including transfers):	\$	Source of funding (name of fund) and account code number;		FROM Anti Drug Sales Tax Fund – 008; Prosecuting Attorney Deferred Prosecution – 4154; Other Professional Services - 56080	FROM ACCT \$15,000.12
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<p>PRIOR LEGISLATION</p>	<p>Prior ordinances and (date):</p> <p>Prior resolutions and (date): na</p>												
<p>CONTACT INFORMATION</p>	<p>RLA drafted by (name, title, &amp; phone): Jean Peters Baker 1/17/12</p>												
<p>REQUEST SUMMARY</p>	<p>Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into an agreement in the amount of \$15,000.12 with Michael Toombs, 607 West 17<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Mr. Toombs will provide life skill classes for the participants of the NEW START Program. The NEW START curriculum will consist of several months of development beginning in February, 2012. Each month will focus on different life skill areas: decision making, problem solving, team building, coping skills, self discovery and change/conflict resolution, preparing for the future/confidence building, anger management, temper tools and reintegration. Mentoring will also be a big component of the project along with resources to be fulfilled by manager.</p> <p>Term of this agreement is 2/1/12 – 8/31/12.</p> <p>Funds should be allocated from 008-4154-56080. Monthly payments.</p>												

CLEARANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax Clearance Completed (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Business License Verified (Purchasing & Department) <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 6 Compliance - Affirmative Action/Prevailing Wage (County Auditor's Office)	
ATTACHMENTS		
REVIEW	Department Director: <i>Jean Peters Baker</i>	Date: <i>1/17/12</i>
	Finance (Budget Approval): <i>If applicable</i> <i>Mary Rasmussen</i>	Date: <i>1/18/12</i>
	Division Manager: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: <i>1/18/12</i>
	County Counselor's Office:	Date:

Fiscal Information (to be verified by Budget Office in Finance Department)

- This expenditure was included in the annual budget.
- Funds for this were encumbered from the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund in \_\_\_\_\_.
- There is a balance otherwise unencumbered to the credit of the appropriation to which the expenditure is chargeable and there is a cash balance otherwise unencumbered in the treasury to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made each sufficient to provide for the obligation herein authorized.
- Funds sufficient for this expenditure will be/were appropriated by Ordinance # \_\_\_\_\_
- Funds sufficient for this appropriation are available from the source indicated below.

Account Number:	Account Title:	Amount Not to Exceed:
008-4154-56080	Anti Drug Sales Tax Fund – Prosecuting Attorney Deferred Prosecution	\$15,000.12

- This award is made on a need basis and does not obligate Jackson County to pay any specific amount. The availability of funds for specific purchases will, of necessity, be determined as each using agency places its order.
- This legislative action does not impact the County financially and does not require Finance/Budget approval.



This proposal is designed to present an approach at offering a curriculum to provide a unique opportunity for young people who are at risk of receiving a life altering judgment, which would result in a felony conviction on their permanent record. The focus of these sessions will be the life skills piece of the New Start project.

I've tried to structure this proposal to offer some insight into the issues which might have contributed to this revolving door syndrome, which has become a national problem. At the same time offering up some idea's on what might offer some real solutions for your consideration.

In my opinion one of the main contributors to the problem we now face is that we have young people trying to raise young people, usually only one parent. In most cases we are on the third or fourth generation of this occurrence.

These young people have a difficult time comprehending their situation mainly because no one has helped them understand the basic principles of human interaction. They grow up from children to adults with very little adult supervision or positive mentoring. As a result they have a difficult time conforming to the social norms, which equates to very few job opportunities. They usually fit very comfortably in their neighborhood environments, but like a sore thumb every where else. In most cases they've never been taught any social graces and they feel it's not socially acceptable to conform to social norms. They're quick to anger and generally live in environments saturated in drugs and things associated with drug usage

In my experience the only thing that seems to effectively distract them from this life style is an incentive. This offers them something they need or an opportunity they can't get on their own.

For a start they need to observe consistent positive behavior in a safe and creative environment. Their creative problem solving process must be challenged as well as developed.

NOTE: They've learned to react to situations rather than find creative solutions to challenging situations. Also our young people have very unrealistic long term goals, usually very extravagant with no real ideas as to how they might be accomplished. Most of these young adults are on their way to dropping out of school or are already out.

OUR GOAL: Create a fun, safe, and non judgmental environment. The site must be creative, challenging, and something to look forward to. Ultimately, the goal of the project as a whole is to prevent high risk behavior and divert a population from a life of crime and encourage post secondary education.

It has taken some time for our young people to develop their approach at problem solving and although their reasoning methods have created a number of problems for them it's the

only way they know, and so they will not feel comfortable with changing or adjusting from these methods.

So we must introduce an alternative to the methods they have grown accustomed to and deliver it in a way that is accessible to our clients.

After having our students deal with some of the social development elements we will then begin to explore how Art can provide options in our lives as well as how we all possess creative abilities which few of us are aware of. Most are unaware of how creativity can offer a great deal of hope which is what many try to attain through artificial stimulus.

We drink and smoke to escape but as we stimulate the mind creatively and exercise our creative thinking process we begin to achieve the same experiences without the artificial stimuli. The outcome is innovative and productive, but it is a process which takes time and effort.

What we're offering after the success of this social and creative development program is a NEW START! The New Start project is about providing some of the skill development you may not have received the first time around, with the hope that once completed new opportunities will open to our students and at the very least old habits with predictable outcomes will be changed.

The NEW START curriculum will consist of several months of development beginning in February 2012. Each month will focus on different life skill areas: Decision making, problem solving, team building, coping skills, self discovery and change/conflict resolution, preparing for the future/confidence building, anger management and temper tools and reintegration. Mentoring will also be a big component of the project along with resources to be fulfilled by manager.

Budget:

\$1,875.02 per month x 8 months=\$15,000.12

Sincerely,  
Michael Toombs