



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: September 16, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant
Program Funds

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

- A. Authorize the County Executive Officer to submit a Letter of Interest (Attachment A) to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) notifying them of Santa Barbara County's intent to participate in the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program by accepting and distributing Recidivism Reduction Funds in accordance with California Penal Code section 1233.10 (Attachment B) and that the Community Corrections Partnership is in agreement; and,
- B. Determine that the submittal of the letter for BSCC funding is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are not a project as they are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption (Attachment C).

Summary Text:

The State of California "Budget Act of 2014" (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2014, SB 852) allocates \$8 million of one-time funding to the BSCC for the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant described in California Penal Code section 1233.10 (Attachment B). Counties are eligible to receive funds if that County's Board of Supervisors (BOS), in collaboration with the county's

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), agrees to develop a competitive grant program intended to fund community recidivism and crime reduction services. In developing the grant program, the BOS, in collaboration with the CCP, must establish minimum requirements, funding criteria and procedures for the county to award grants.

Grants must be awarded by the BOS to a nongovernmental entity or a consortium or coalition of nongovernmental entities that provide community recidivism and crime reduction services to persons who have been released from state prison, a county jail, or a juvenile detention facility, who are under the supervision of a parole or probation department, or any other person at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities. Community recidivism and crime reduction services include, but are not limited to, delinquency prevention, homelessness prevention, and reentry services. A more complete listing of acceptable services are included in Attachment B.

Counties receiving funds are also required to collect and submit data to the BSCC on grants awarded. Service providers that receive a grant are responsible for reporting to the county BOS or the CCP on the number of individuals served and the types of services provided. The BOS or the CCP must report any information received from grant recipients to the BSCC on or before July 1, 2015, and each year until the final reporting date of July 1, 2018.

Each county's allocation is based on the population within the county; Santa Barbara County's allocation was calculated to be \$100,000. In addition, pursuant to California Penal Code section 1233.10, subdivision (e), the maximum amount that can be awarded to a service provider is based on the population of the county; in Santa Barbara County, the maximum per service provider is \$25,000. Each county may use up to five percent of its allocation for administrative costs. This funding is available for expenditure for four years and any unspent funds revert to the state. Funds not encumbered with a service provider one year after allocation of grant funds to the county will immediately revert to the state.

Background:

Santa Barbara County's CCP was advised of this funding opportunity at its meeting on September 5, 2014. In its support of this program, the CCP has tasked the Realignment Implementation Workgroup with identifying service gaps and making recommendations regarding potential services that should be prioritized for funding. The matter will be brought back to the Board for final review and consideration of the recommendations from the CCP prior to soliciting applications from service providers.

Fiscal Analysis:

Narrative: The aforementioned recommendations will be returned to the Board for consideration, at which time funding priorities, appropriate department to serve as fiscal lead, and any ramifications for facilities or other impacts will be addressed.

Special Instructions:

Please return two (2) Certified Minute Orders to Michael Cameron, Fiscal Manager, Probation Department, 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Letter of Interest
- Attachment B: Penal Code section 1233.10
- Attachment C: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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