



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: January 23, 2018  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Tanja Heitman, Chief Probation Officer  
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**SUBJECT: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019;  
DUI Intensive Supervision Program**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit an application, execute the Grant Award Agreement, and accept anticipated funding of the FFY 2019 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$132,509.00 for the period covering October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019; and
- B. Determine that the above recommended actions are 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 A).

**Summary Text:**

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) strives to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries by making available grants to local and state public agencies for programs that help them enforce traffic laws, educate the public in traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries and economic losses from collisions. Through this application, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department proposes to improve overall safety in the County through intensive probation supervision for high-risk felony and repeat DUI offenders. Enforcement activities will include locating DUI convicted absconders, and conducting surveillance and apprehension of unlicensed DUI probationers

who drive. Supervision efforts will include targeting the highest risk DUI probationers in the Santa Maria region for increased field and office contacts, DUI program verification activities, searches, and alcohol testing.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department has received OTS funding since June 2006. OTS distributes federal funding apportioned to California under the National Highway Safety Act and the Safe, Accountable and Flexible Efficiency Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). In addition to funding traditional law enforcement sobriety checkpoints and other DUI traffic related efforts, OTS works with probation departments statewide in order to encourage a multidisciplinary effort to reduce repeat DUI offenses. In the last FFY, between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017, Probation's OTS grant-related efforts resulted in 639 unannounced field contacts and searches, 685 office contacts, 1,186 alcohol/drug tests, four (4) warrant service operations, and tracking of Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) usage.

In line with the Department's evidence-based supervision, the application continues to place focus on providing risk and needs assessment specific to the DUI population and supervising the highest risk DUI offenders in the Santa Maria region on a dedicated OTS-funded DUI caseload. The Probation Department will utilize the evidence-based Northpointe Correctional Offender Management and Profiling Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) risk/needs assessment to determine supervision strategies, while the Risk of Violence and Recidivism (ROVAR), the Inventory of Offender Needs (ION), and the Texas Christian University Drug Screen II (TCUDS) are used to further identify an offender's greatest risk factors and needs. This allows the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) to work in conjunction with the offender to create a treatment plan to target resources necessary to impact current negative behaviors and effect change. The overall goal is to improve outcomes for offenders and to reduce recidivism. The 2015 OTS ranking data, which originates from California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of Finance (DOF) records, ranks the city of Santa Maria as 9<sup>th</sup> out of 57 similarly sized cities in the number of alcohol-involved collisions that resulted in death and injured victims. This is a considerable improvement from 2014, at which time OTS data ranked Santa Maria as 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 57 similarly sized cities in the number of alcohol-involved collisions that resulted in death and injured victims.

The DPO assigned to this caseload will provide intensive supervision to these cases by conducting office visits, unannounced searches, field visits, random alcohol/drug testing, and participation with local law enforcement on anti-DUI efforts. Additionally, the DPO will work closely with the DUI Review Court program, with DUI treatment providers to monitor treatment participation, and assist with Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal		\$ 132,509.00	
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ 132,509.00	\$ -

Narrative: The grant is for a one (1) year period commencing October 1, 2018, and continuing until September 30, 2019, with a total award of \$132,509.00 and no required match. This grant funds one (1) Deputy Probation Officer and their associated travel expenses. There is no increase to the Probation Department’s General Fund contribution and no impact on facilities associated with this grant.

**Key Contract Risks:** There are no contracts associated to this grant.

**Staffing Impacts:**

<b><u>Legal Positions:</u></b>	<b><u>FTEs:</u></b>
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**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: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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