



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
CLERK OF THE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Department Name: Probation  
Department No.: 022  
For Agenda Of: June 7, 2016  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time: n/a  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department *Attest for*  
Director(s) Guadalupe Rabago, Chief Probation Officer, 882-3652  
Contact Info: Steven DeLira, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, 739-8588

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Accept Funding Under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (Sixteenth Year Allocation)

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer, as your lead agent, to accept funding in the amount of \$1,210,691 from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) allocated to Santa Barbara County under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- B. Assure the County will adhere to the BSCC's contract terms and statutory requirements, participate in the collection of the required data, and use grant funding to supplement and not supplant existing programs.
- C. Determine that the authorization to accept the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funding is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that the activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA. (Attachment A)

**Summary Text:**

The 2016 update to the Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) identifies gang participation, substance abuse, mental health issues, female-specific services, and human trafficking as priorities for the local juvenile justice system. Funds provided through the JJCPA continue to target these and related issues. The planned use of JJCPA funds for FY 16-17 remains consistent with past years' uses.

On April 1, 2016, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), voted to use JJCPA funds to support four and one half (4.5) Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) positions for the School-Based Officer Program and two and one half (2.5) DPOs for the Early Intervention (EI) programs. Both programs operate on a countywide basis. This represents a change in probation resource allocation between programs from the current year (0.5 FTE), but not in total probation positions funded by JJCPA. The JJCC also approved JJCPA funds for the continued support of two (2) clinicians from the Department of Behavioral Wellness to perform mental health assessments on juvenile offenders.

On May 6, 2016, the JJCC voted to use JJCPA reserve funds to continue services provided by community-based organizations for one (1) additional year that were previously funded by the Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG). Funding for JABG has been discontinued at both the Federal and State Government levels. This funding represents less than two (2) percent of the total JJCPA budget and supports limited interventions and counseling for youth involved in Teen Court and Juvenile Drug Court.

**Background:**

Assembly Bill 1913 was signed into law on September 7, 2000, as the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act. Subsequent legislation renamed it the JJCPA. The JJCPA is a State-funded initiative that supports local programs and services that address crime and delinquency among at-risk youth and youthful offenders. The JJCPA requires the County to establish and maintain a multi-agency JJCC for the purpose of developing, reviewing, and updating a CMJJP that describes the local juvenile justice system and its efforts to address delinquency.

The CMJJP is reviewed annually and revised as necessary by the JJCC. An updated version of the CMJJP was approved by the JJCC at the May 6, 2016 meeting.

Historically JJCPA funding has been used for three core programs: Truancy Mediation, Initial Assessment/First Offender Intervention, and Aftercare Services. In addition to JJCPA, the Probation Department utilizes a variety of other funding sources to provide services to at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families. These sources include Federal Title IV-E funds, Juvenile Camp and Probation Funding, Youth Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funds and County General Fund.

Currently JJCPA funds four (4) School Based Officers (SBOs) that serve secondary, continuation, and community school campuses throughout the County, and work closely with school staff and administration. They coordinate their activities with law enforcement School Resource Officers (SRO). The SBOs on school campuses serve to deter delinquent acts and foster a safe school environment. The program has enjoyed wide support from school administrators and SROs.

Also funded by JJCPA are three (3) Early Intervention (EI) DPOs that supervise caseloads consisting of both formal and informal probation cases, and coordinate closely with counselors providing life skills education or individual counseling to youthful offenders. These caseloads provide most of the supervision efforts geared toward younger first-time offenders. The DPOs focus on assisting the entire family which increases parental accountability and involvement in the youth's treatment and needs.

Lastly, JJCPA currently funds one (1) mental health clinician that completes assessments and provides transition services between custody and community settings for youth.

Funding from JJCPA also supports counseling programs for youth on the SBO and EI caseloads. The counseling is provided by community-based organizations and targets behaviors and problems that contribute to delinquency. The counseling supports probation supervision efforts.

The changes to the number of positions being funded by the JJCPA in the coming year reflect adjustments made to meet service demand from changing demographics in the different County regions. The increase in clinician services reflects a growing need in the area of mental health assessments that supply important information on juvenile justice involved youth at a level short of a forensic evaluation.

**Performance Measure:**

The Probation Department tracks and reports 18 performance measures related to the JJCPA. The following are representative of currently available JJCPA outcome data:

Ensure that 90 percent of youth successfully completing the EI Program will not be admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six (6) months of program completion. For the 50 youth who successfully exited in FY 2014-15, 96 percent were not admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six (6) months of successful program completion.

Ensure that 90 percent of youth successfully completing the SBO Program will not be admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six (6) months of program completion. For the 81 youth who successfully exited in FY 2014-15, 98 percent were not admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six (6) months of successful program completion.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State	\$ 1,210,691.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 1,210,691.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: In addition to the funding provided under the JJCPA (noted above), program services are also supported by \$204,600 in funding under Federal Title IV-E and the release of \$401,452 of JJCPA reserves, for a total JJCPA budget of \$1,816,743. This funding approach should remain constant in coming years. The JJCPA budget for FY 2016-17 does not utilize County General Funds.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

None

**FTEs:**

None

**Special Instructions:**

Please return (2) Certified Minute Orders to Vanessa Escobar, Probation Department, 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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Theo Fallati, Auditor-Controller

Michael C. Ghizzoni, County Counsel

# **Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption**

Attachment A

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Guadalupe Rabago, Chief Probation Officer

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 as defined in the State and County guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): N/A Case No.: N/A

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Funding Allocation

Project Description: Authorize the Chief Probation Officer, as your lead agent, to accept the JJCPA funding.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15061(b)(3); No possibility of impact to the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The JJCPA is funded through the Board of State and Community Corrections and is awarded to counties for the purpose of addressing at risk-youth and youthful offenders

Tanja Heitman

*Tanja Heitman* 5/27/16

Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: (for posting six days prior to action, and posting original after approval)

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