



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 20, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Steven DeLira, Interim Chief Probation Officer 805.882.3650
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**SUBJECT: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016;
DUI Intensive Supervision Program**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

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 2016 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$140,672.01 for the period covering October 1, 2015, to September 30, 2016.
- B. Determine that approval of the FFY 2016 OTS Grant Program 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 A).

Summary Text:

OTS provides funding to mitigate traffic safety program deficiencies, expand ongoing activities, or develop new programs. The Santa Barbara County Probation Department proposes to improve overall safety in the County through a combination of enforcement and supervision efforts. Enforcement activities will include locating driving under the influence (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 line with the Department’s evidence-based supervision, the application will 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 officer assigned to this caseload will continue to provide intensive supervision to these cases, work closely with the DUI treatment providers, and assist with the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) program. The Santa Maria region was again selected for this effort, as it has the highest number of supervised DUI probationers, as well as the highest number of DUI offenders on the SCRAM program. The need to target this region is further demonstrated by the OTS ranking data taken from the latest published California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) report, which included Santa Maria in comparison of 56 like-sized California cities. This data reveals that Santa Maria ranks number two in the number of alcohol-involved collisions that resulted in killed and injured victims.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

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 | | | |
| Federal | | \$ 140,672.01 | |
| Fees | | | |
| Other: | | | |
| Total | \$ - | \$ 140,672.01 | \$ - |

Narrative: The grant is for a one year period commencing October 1, 2015, and continuing until September 30, 2016, with a total award of \$140,672.01 and no required match. 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 with this grant.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
0

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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