



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 22
For Agenda Of: May 12, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Guadalupe Rabago, Chief Probation Officer, 882-3652
Director
Contact Info: Steven DeLira, Deputy Chief Probation officer, 739-8588
SUBJECT: **Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Submit the Application to Pursue
Fifteenth Year Allocation Funding Under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention
Act**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

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 submit the Application for Approval to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) in order to utilize funding in the amount of \$1,210,663 allocated to Santa Barbara County under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.
- B. Assure that 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 submit the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act applications 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 use of JJCPA funds continue to address the primary areas of concern regarding at-risk youth and youthful offenders. The 2014 Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) identifies gangs, substance abuse, mental health issues, and female-specific services as priorities of the local juvenile justice system. Funds provided through the JJCPA remain geared toward these and related issues. The current use of JJCPA funds remains consistent with past years' uses.

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), at their April 3, 2015, meeting voted to use JJCPA funds to continue to support four (4) Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) positions for the School-Based Officer Program and three (3) DPOs in the Early Intervention (EI) programs. Both programs operate on a countywide basis. The JJCC also approved JJCPA funds to continue to support an Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services clinician to perform mental health assessments on juvenile offenders and the funding for two (2) counselors/therapists to provide counseling services.

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. The current CMJJP was approved by the JJCC at their February 7, 2014, meeting and it has been determined that for 2015, no modifications were required and only the data charts will be updated.

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 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 presence on school campuses seeks 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 Early Intervention (EI) DPOs that supervise caseloads consisting of both formal and informal 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 funds a .5 FTE Mental Health Assessor.

Performance Measure:

The Probation Department tracks and reports 18 performance measures related to the JJCPA. The following are representative of JJCPA outcomes:

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 44 youth who successfully exited in FY 2013-14, 100 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 65 youth who successfully exited in FY 2013-14, 97 percent were not admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six (6) months of successful program completion.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: There are no anticipated facility impacts. The project will continue to use existing facilities owned or operated by the County or schools.

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	\$ 1,210,663.00		
Federal	\$ 209,173.00		
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 1,419,836.00	\$ -	\$ -

Aside from the funding for services provided under the JJCPA, program services are supported by Federal Title IV-E \$209,173 (est.). This funding approach should remain constant in coming years. The JJCPA budget for FY 2015-16 does not utilize County General Funds.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

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

Attachments:

Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption

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