

# **ATTACHMENT B:**

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FORM**

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Title: Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Lead Staff: Tanja Heitman

Revenue: Up to \$325,000 per year for three (3) years.

Grant

Grant title: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Treatment Drug Courts

Submission deadline: December 12, 2016

Grant term: One (1) year with possible renewal to three (3) years.

Grant funding agency: SAMHSA

General Fund

Realignment

Other:

Submission Deadline: December 12, 2016

Fiscal Lead Agency: Santa Barbara County Probation Department

Total Budget: \$325,000

Match: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Match:  in-kind  cash

Match is not required.

**Designate which of the following Realignment Plan goals the program will focus on:**

Enhance public safety by reducing recidivism.

Enhance the use of alternative detention (pre and post-sentence) for appropriate offenders.

Provide for successful re-entry of offenders back into the community.

Coordinate efforts to eliminate duplication, increase efficiencies, and promote best practices.

### **Brief Project Description:**

The purpose of this project is to expand and enhance substance use disorder and mental health (co-occurring) treatment services in the existing VTC serving the Santa Barbara region. The project will use the drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment (including recovery support services, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination) to veteran-participants. The VTC will provide a coordinated, multi-system approach designed to combine the sanctioning power of drug courts with effective substance use disorder treatment services to break the cycle of criminal behavior, alcohol and/or drug use, and incarceration or other penalties.

### **Target Population:**

Veterans of all military branches that are deemed eligible by the Judge and veterans eligible for the Military Diversion program under Penal Code Section 1001.80 and post-plea Veterans Treatment Court under the County criteria.

**Projected Number to be Served:** Forty (40) per year, for a total of 120.

### **Criminogenic Need(s) Targeted:**

While primarily concerned with criminal activity, alcohol and other drug (AOD) use, and mental illness, the VTC team also focuses on other issues faced by veterans with co-occurring disorders such as primary medical problems, transmittable diseases, homelessness; basic educational deficits, unemployment, and inadequate job preparation; spouse and family troubles (especially domestic violence); and, the ongoing effects of wartime trauma.

### **EBP or Promising Practice (identify clearinghouse):**

Although here has not been any comprehensive research completed on the efficacy and effectiveness of Veterans Treatment Courts in reducing recidivism, the tenets and structure of this treatment court closely emulate those present in drug courts. Both courts share the primary goals of reducing criminal recidivism and substance abuse among

participants and utilize comprehensive supervision, drug testing, treatment services, and immediate sanctions and incentives in an attempt to modify the behavior of defendant.

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**Results First:**

- Cost-benefit \$2.61 \_\_\_\_\_  
 N/A:

**Brief Budget Narrative** (include all agencies that will receive funding and general description of any positions to be funded):

The grant will fund a 0.5 full time equivalent (FTE) Deputy Probation Officer to provide management and coordination of the VTC participants and a 0.5 FTE supervising staff for grant oversight, billing and management. Project evaluation and data collection will be performed by the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). Cost is limited to 20% of the total budget. Funding will provide for a Veterans Court Peer Recovery Mentor. A continuum of trauma-informed treatments will be provided based on assessed need, to include detox, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, outpatient treatment, medically assisted treatment, and mental health counseling, with collateral and ancillary services as identified.

**Anticipated Outcomes (Measurable):**

- Reduction in new convictions
- Reduction in substance abuse, as measured by the Addiction Severity Index (ASI).
- Reduction in depression, as measured by the Patient Health Questionnaire-9.
- Reduction in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) symptoms, as measured by the PTSD checklist.
- Reduction in the overall level of psychiatric distress experienced by veteran-participants, as measured by the ASI.

**Anticipated Recidivism Reduction:** The anticipated recidivism reduction is 25%.

**Identify each of the Collaborative Partners that will participate in the program and their individual role(s):**

Agency	Role(s)
Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	Provide a continuum of substance abuse and/or co-occurring treatment and recovery support services including detox, residential, and outpatient treatment.
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	Provide long term residential treatment and inpatient hospitalization.
County Veterans Service	Assistance in obtaining VA related benefits
Tri-West	Funding for authorized ancillary services.
New Beginnings Counseling	Mental health counseling.
Probation Department	Serve as lead agency for the grant, and provide offender supervision and management.
Neighborhood Clinics	General health care for veterans without VA benefits.

**Feedback:**

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 Recommended  Not Recommended  No Objection  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:**