



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: September 16, 2008
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Patricia J. Stewart, Chief Probation Officer, x3652
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: **FY 2008-09 donation to Los Prietos Boys Camp to provide a vocational training program**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Accept a \$51,000 donation from the E.F. Foundation earmarked to provide vocational training to wards at the Los Prietos Boys Camp Programs.
- B) Adopt the attached budget revision recognizing the donation revenue

Summary Text:

For the second consecutive year, the E.F. Foundation has made a \$51,000 donation that will allow the construction technology woodshop program at Camp to operate in FY 2008-09. The funds will enable the continued deployment of a part time vocational technology instructor to the Camp program and offer a certification program for wards.

Background:

Under the authority of the California Education Code, the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO), Juvenile Court and Community Schools has developed and maintained an excellent and comprehensive educational program located at the Probation Department's Los Prietos Boys Camp and Boys Academy programs. All students committed to the Camp facility attend Los Robles High School and receive appropriate and thorough instruction in the core academic subjects presented through a variety of teaching strategies and subject to the Federal requirements of No Child Left Behind. It is the mission of the Camp school programs to effectively educate every student.

The course of study at Los Robles High School includes Mathematics, English, History, Vocational Technology, and Science. Special Education resource services and English Language Learner classes are also offered. Selected applicants participate in the vocational computer lab and restore computers for the Computers for Families Project. Within all courses, the instructors integrate social awareness skill-building in the areas of anger management, conflict resolution, self-esteem building activities, effective decision-making and vocational assessment and awareness. General Education Development (GED) preparation is offered for eligible students.

The donation will allow the Camp and school programs to continue to provide valuable vocational training through a construction technology woodshop program. The program teaches marketable job skills including designing plans, the proper and safe use of tools, and constructing and finishing projects to plan specifications. The wards learn a work ethic and take pride in a finished product. Construction Technology (CT) certificates and recognition are awarded to wards who complete the 10-week program, which could also lead to employment or continued education through scholarships available by application from the Camp programs. The program is facilitated by a certified Vocational Technology Instructor through the Regional Opportunity Program (ROP) at Santa Barbara City College and wards participating in the program receive high school credits.

In FY 2007-08, 93 wards enrolled in the program (14 are currently enrolled) and 49 or 62% of wards successfully completed the program. Although the current construction job market is declining, 28% of wards successfully completing the program were employed by a construction company or in a construction related field.

Performance Measure:

0020: Ensure at least 80% of 90 youth committed to the Los Prietos Boys Camp graduate from the program after completing an individualized program of education and counseling to reduce delinquent behavior.

0050: Ensure at least 80% of 80 youth committed to the Los Prietos Boys Academy graduate from the program after completing an individualized program of education and counseling to reduce delinquent behavior.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

In accepting this donation your Board agrees to use the funds for the delivery of vocational programming to wards at the Camp program. The donor has specified that the funds must be used to finance the woodshop program. The Camp has a fully equipped and operational woodshop where the program will be delivered. The instructor will be provided by the schools. The donation would finance the salaries and materials necessary to provide the program. Discretionary funds will also be utilized to finance materials for the program. There will be no increase to the Probation Departments general fund contribution.

Staffing Impacts:

The instructor has been identified and will be provided by the school. There is no impact on Probation Department staffing.

Special Instructions:

Attachments:

Probation Department Mandates

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