



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101  
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Department Name: Probation  
Department No.: 022  
For Agenda Of: September 18, 2012  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: **Acceptance of Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program Funds**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program award from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in the amount of \$350,000 for a three-year period beginning in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012-2013.

**Summary Text:**

The Probation Department has been awarded FY 2012 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program funds in the amount of \$350,000 to implement a Veterans Treatment Court (VTC). This Court will specialize in the treatment of our nation's military veterans who have become involved in the Criminal Justice System. VTCs are a response to the growing trend of veterans appearing before the courts and who face criminal charges stemming from substance abuse or mental illness. Drug, Mental Health and other Problem Solving Courts (PSCs) have always served veterans, but research has shown that traditional services do not always adequately meet the needs of this population. Moreover, while most veterans are entitled to certain benefits, some are either unaware of those services or never engage services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) due to the complexity of navigating the bureaucracy in order to file a claim.

The partnership between the Santa Barbara County Probation Department, County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services (ADMHS), the Substance Abuse Treatment Court (SATC), and a consortium of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in collaboration with the VA will enhance the VTC, which will divert the highest risk veteran defendants to a specialized court docket that will offer specific, targeted resources. It will also provide VTC participants the opportunity to establish clean and sober lifestyles, reduce criminality and psychiatric episodes, and improve the quality of their lives.

**Background:** On February 21, 2012, this Board authorized the Probation Department to apply for \$350,000 from the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program to implement a VTC to serve the Santa Maria Valley. On August 30, 2012, the Probation Department was notified that the requested funding was awarded.

While a pilot VTC program was initiated in the Santa Maria Division of the Santa Barbara County Superior Court on November 22, 2011, complete implementation of the model cannot be accomplished without the resources provided by the grant funding; specifically, a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) to monitor eligible veteran participants and improve their chances of sobriety, to support them as they try to work through their mental health conditions, and to promote their law abiding behavior with dignity and respect. The funding will also be utilized in the development of a Veteran Mentor Program (VMP), which is a component designed to enhance the participant’s success in sustaining their recovery and sobriety.

**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	\$ 78,134.00	\$ 135,933.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 78,134.00	\$ 135,933.00	\$ -

**Narrative:**

The VTC grant provides funding for three (3) years commencing in FFY 2012-2013 on October 1, 2012, and continuing until September 30, 2015, with a total grant award of \$350,000 and a required match of \$116,667. The required match consists of in-kind costs associated with the Indirect Cost Rate applied to direct salaries of the funded position. FY 2012-2013 expenditures are anticipated to be \$78,134 which includes DPO salary and benefits, mandated training, and supplies.

There is no increase to the Probation Department’s General Fund contribution and no impact on facilities associated with the acceptance of this grant.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**

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**FTEs:**

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**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- Department Mandates

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