



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: County Executive Office
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: February 7, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s) Contact Info: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer, 805-568-3404
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SUBJECT: Application for Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Proposition 47 Grant Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the County Executive Officer to submit an application and execute the Grant Award Agreement for grant funding up to \$3,552,294 total over a three year period from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Proposition 47 Grant Program;
- B. Direct staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for consideration of grant acceptance by Resolution, should the grant funds be awarded, and
- C. Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

Proposition 47 created the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Fund. State savings as a result of implementing Proposition 47 are deposited annually into this fund. AB 1056 (2015) established the Second Chance Fund where these funds are deposited for a competitive grant program.

County of Santa Barbara is submitting a Proposition 47 grant application for \$3,552,294 over a three-year period for a program that will provide a diversion option for local law enforcement and jail custody staff designed to reduce or avoid jail detention for individuals with mental health or substance use disorder needs.

Background:

Proposition 47 was a voter-approved initiative on the November 2014 state ballot. The initiative stated that it is intended to ensure funding for incarceration is focused on violent and serious offenses, to maximize alternatives for non-serious, nonviolent crimes. The initiative also required the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to administer a grant program aimed at supporting mental health treatment, substance use treatment and diversion programs for individuals that become criminal justice-involved. In 2015, AB 1056 added an additional housing-related assistance priority to the grant program. Applicants are allowed to implement new programs or expand existing programs.

The County of Santa Barbara formed an interdepartmental working group in the fall of 2016 that included the Behavioral Wellness, County Executive, Probation, District Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff Departments to review the grant requirements, determine the County's readiness to implement any grant funded programming and to evaluate the results of that programming. The working group identified an opportunity to provide a custody diversion program for non-serious and nonviolent individuals in which mental health and substance abuse has contributed to their behaviors and coming into contact with law enforcement. The working group believes that we are ready to implement a diversion program for non-serious, nonviolent individuals with mental health and substance use disorder treatment needs.

The diversion option will allow an arrested or in-custody individual to participate in trauma-informed crisis stabilization activities with linkage to intensive outpatient treatment and case management by a forensic Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team or similar community services as an alternative to incarceration at County Jail. Additional referral to transitional housing, job skill development and/or restorative justice programming will be made available to participants in the diversion program. ACT is an evidence-based mental health intervention with notable reductions in homelessness. Referrals for housing assistance, job skill development and restorative justice programming can be provided through the ACT case management process. Participation in the diversion program will be offered to, and must be accepted, by an individual in the field or in-custody.

The grant request is for \$3,552,294 over the three grant period ending on August 15, 2020. Grant funds will be used to provide crisis stabilization services through expanded use of the County's Crisis Stabilization Unit services for up to an initial twenty three hour period following law enforcement contact. Following the stabilization services, participants will be asked to participate in intensive outpatient treatment and case management services through a public safety augmented Assertive Community Treatment engagement. Referrals for additional services noted above can be made to assist the individual in successfully avoiding further criminal justice involvement and improvement of their mental health and substance use behaviors that are contributing to criminal actions.

Performance Measure: Performance measures and program evaluation will be developed and implemented as part of the grant funded project. As required in the grant Request for Proposal (RFP), 5-10% of grant award will be allocated for measuring program activities and results.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No **Fiscal Analysis:**

Funding Sources	Current FY Cost:	Annualized On-going Cost:	Total One-Time Project Cost
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: Further fiscal analysis will be conducted based on actual grant award amount and will be provided to the Board of Supervisors in the future required action to appropriate the funds. No local match is required but the grant application must demonstrate leveraging of other state or federal funding sources such as, but not limited to Medi-Cal. As with most grant funded program awards, there is no guarantee that state funding will be available to sustain this program beyond FY 2019-20. There is not a requirement that the County continue to provide the program beyond the end of the grant period.

Key Contract Risks:

State grant award agreement will be reviewed by County Counsel. Grant award conditions do require that at least 50% of grant awarded funds be used to fund program activities through one or more local community-based organizations. Proposals are prohibited from using grant funds to supplant funding for any existing programs. If grant funds are used costs identified as ineligible, the BSCC may withhold an equal amount from future payments or require repayment of an equal amount to the state.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

If approved, Clerk of the Board will provide County Executive Office with a copy of the Minute Order identifying the approval of the grant application submission for inclusion with the application packet.

Attachments:

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CC:

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 Chief Beverly Taylor, Acting Chief, Probation Department
 Sheriff Bill Brown, Sheriff, Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department
 District Attorney Joyce Dudley, District Attorney’s Office