



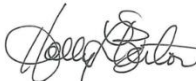
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407  
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Department Name: Probation  
Department No.: 022  
For Agenda Of: 11/28/2023  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Time: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors 

**FROM:** Department Holly L. Benton, Chief Probation Officer, (805) 803-8537  
Director(s)  
Contact Info: Spencer Cross, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, (805) 803-3704

**SUBJECT:** Office of Traffic Safety Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for the Driving Under the Influence Intensive Supervision Program

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**County Counsel 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 to submit a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant application, execute the Grant Award Agreement if approved, and accept anticipated funding of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024-2025 California OTS Grant in the amount of \$200,652.52 for the period covering October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025; and
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

**Summary Text:**

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) offers grant funding to local and state public agencies for programs that assist with the enforcement of traffic laws, educate the public in traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries, and economic losses from vehicle collisions. The OTS Grant funds resources for monitoring and community supervision of individuals convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and other controlled substances, who are at high risk of becoming repeat offenders. Through this grant, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department emphasizes intensive supervision to ensure compliance with court-ordered terms and conditions of probation, and to prevent re-arrest on new DUI charges. Enhanced compliance monitoring and

enforcement include utilizing random home/field contacts, group reporting events, person and property searches, use of Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM), alcohol/drug testing, and DUI treatment verification and monitoring. Additional grant objectives include making attempts to serve outstanding bench warrants for the targeted population and providing information to local law enforcement agencies every month.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department has received OTS Grant funding since June 2006. The federal funding through OTS is apportioned to California under the National Highway Safety Act and the Safe, Accountable, and Flexible Efficiency Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The OTS works with probation departments statewide to establish multidisciplinary efforts to reduce repeat DUI offenses, which is in addition to funding traditional law enforcement sobriety checkpoints and other DUI traffic-related efforts.

The FFY 2024-2025 California OTS Grant application continues to place focus on providing risk and needs assessment specific to the DUI population and supervising high risk DUI offenders in the Santa Maria region who are assigned to a dedicated OTS-funded DUI caseload. In line with the Probation Department's evidence-based supervision, the Department will continue to utilize the Northpointe Correctional Offender Management and Profiling Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) a evidence-based risk/needs assessment to determine supervision strategies, while the Risk of Violence and Recidivism (ROVAR), the Inventory of Offender Needs (ION), and the Texas Christian University Drug Screen 5 (TCUDS-5) are used to further identify an offender's greatest risk factors and needs. The above-mentioned assessments allow the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) managing the OTS-funded DUI caseload to work collaboratively with the offenders to create treatment plan goals to improve behaviors and effect positive change.

The 2020 OTS ranking data, which originates from the California Highway Patrol Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, the California Department of Transportation, California Department of Justice, and the Department of Finance records, ranks the city of Santa Maria as 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 61 similarly sized cities in the number of alcohol-involved collisions that resulted in death and injured victims. It is noted that the above data from 2020 is the most recently published information.

The DPO funded through this grant provides intensive case management and supervision to the DUI caseload through field and office visits, unannounced searches, random alcohol/drug testing, and participation with local law enforcement in DUI prevention efforts. The DPO works closely with the DUI Review Court, which includes DUI treatment providers. The overall goal of this grant is to improve outcomes for offenders and to reduce recidivism.

**Performance Measure:**

In the last completed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023, Probation's OTS grant-related efforts resulted in 421 unannounced field contacts that included a search of the person or property, 559 office contacts, 854 alcohol/drug tests, four (4) bench warrant service operations, and tracking of transdermal alcohol monitoring or remote breath testing devices. If the Probation Department is awarded the future grant, objectives will be set in agreement with OTS.

**Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:**

There are no contracts associated with this grant.

The Probation Department conducts monthly reviews of performance measures, focusing on quality assurance and program fidelity. The Probation Manager with oversight of the OTS grant receives and reviews monthly performance reports consisting of data on objectives to meet performance outcomes.

For fiscal year 2023-2024, the performance measures include; conduct 400 unannounced field contacts, which may include searching persons or property, complete 550 office contacts with clients, conduct 550 alcohol-related operations and participate in four (4) warrant service operations targeting DUI clients.

These efforts are intended to enhance the department's performance and ensure the effectiveness of the OTS Grant.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

<b><u>Funding Sources</u></b>	<b><u>Current FY Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u></b>	<b><u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u></b>
General Fund			
State			
Federal		\$ 200,652.52	
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	\$ -	\$ 200,652.52	\$ -

The grant is for a one (1) year period commencing October 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2025, with an anticipated award of \$200,652.52 and no required match. This grant will fund one (1) DPO, associated travel expenses, Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device/supplies, and testing supplies. There is no increase to the Probation Department’s General Fund contribution and no impact on facilities associated with this grant. The DPO position is currently funded in the Department’s FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget, and if the new grant award is approved, the position and the funding will be included in the FY 2024-25 proposed budget.

**Key Contract Risks:**

There are no contracts associated with this grant.

**Staffing Impacts:**

<b><u>Legal Positions:</u></b>	<b><u>FTEs:</u></b>
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**Special Instructions:**

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