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Department No.: 022
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Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Acceptance of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Funding

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant/Fiscal Year 2011 Competitive Grant award in the amount of \$200,000 from the Office of Justice Programs at the United States Department of Justice.
- B. Adopt the attached Budget Revision recognizing the unanticipated revenue.

Summary Text:

On September 8, 2011, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that the Probation Department had been awarded grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 to enhance the current Substance Abuse Treatment Court (SATC). In coordination with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Treatment Program (STP), the application proposed to add a re-entry population to the existing Drug Court, for those post-plea, high risk/high needs offenders who have a history of failing to rehabilitate through conventional substance abuse treatment programs. By creating an effective county jail-based re-entry drug court program, it is anticipated that local offenders can be diverted from the state prison population and successfully rehabilitated locally.

A recent Department analysis was completed of those probationers who failed on felony probation. This study found that over half (103) of those committed to prison in 2010 were comprised of non-violent individuals who were convicted of a drug and/or theft related offense or had a significant history and nexus with substance abuse and theft. Of the 103, close to 50% violated community supervision within the first three months of being placed on probation and 75% had probation later revoked due to repeated technical violations for non-compliance involving continued illegal drug use. Four in ten failed to enter or absconded treatment after initially being referred to a program following their release from custody; the most vulnerable time for the addict, but also the best opportunity to engage them in treatment provided they are afforded a stable environment, proper oversight and immediate accountability.

Given the many challenges to engagement in treatment, as well as the addiction severity of this type of offender, a more structured, local treatment program is needed to reintegrate the offender back to the community by engaging them in treatment prior to release and ensuring participation following their release from custody. This proposal builds upon the County's successful SATC program and targets a population that is currently being under served. Through grant funding it is anticipated that the services and programming that are needed countywide could be initiated in one region and then expanded when additional revenue is secured.

The grant will support an enhanced level of treatment by combining the existing Santa Maria SATC and the STP to serve a population that is not currently eligible for SATC. The Probation Department will redirect one Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) position to the Santa Maria SATC program to provide intensive supervision upon the probationer's release, thus ensuring the offender is supported and stays engaged in treatment; receiving ancillary services as well as field supervision and case management. The Department will also utilize programs available at the Probation Report and Resource Center (PRRC) to provide services that an offender re-entering the community most needs.

Background:

During fiscal year 2011-12 budget hearings, the Board expressed support for sustaining the local Drug Court program. The proposed program is aligned with the Board's goal and extends this evidence based program to an expanded population of offenders.

The purpose of the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program is to "provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidenced-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusing offenders."

One of the first 200 drug courts in the nation, the local drug court in Santa Barbara County, known as SATC, has invested more than a decade of learning and collaboration into developing the non-adversarial team that brings together Court executives from the Superior Court, Sheriff's Office, Probation, the Public Defender, District Attorney, Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services and frontline, community-based substance abuse treatment providers all committed to a common mission and intent on finding alternatives to incarceration. The SATC is guided by a Core Committee that meets on a monthly basis to facilitate ongoing planning and program operation and to help each member agency understand the needs and resources of every other participating agency. The Court's enforcement support is provided by Probation, which performs random home visits and additional drug

testing to guide and support participants on their path to sobriety. Repeated non-compliance or a lack of good faith effort on the part of an offender can result in a new sentence that includes jail or prison time.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

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

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	\$ 85,192.00	\$ 100,000.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 85,192.00	\$ 100,000.00	

Narrative:

The proposed grant application is for a period of two years commencing on September 1, 2011, and continuing until August 31, 2013, with a total grant award of \$200,000 and required match of \$66,666. In Federal Fiscal Year 2011-12, year one of the grant will provide funding of \$100,000 for treatment, training and supplies. The required \$33,333 match will consist of a combination of DPO salaries and benefits for supervising offenders in the program.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

No effect

FTEs:

No effect

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 – Probation Department Mandates

Attachment B – Budget Revision for Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant

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