

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 568-2240 Agenda Number:

Department Name: Probation

Department No.: 022

For Agenda Of: March 25, 2008 Placement: Administrative

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence** 

Estimated Tme:

Continued Item: No

If Yes, date from:

Vote Required: Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM**: Department Patricia J. Stewart, Chief Probation Officer

Director(s)

Contact Info: Wendy Stanley, Probation Manager x 6273

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept the Youthful Offender Block

Grant Award.

## **County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes As to form: Yes

<u>Other Concurrence:</u> Select\_Other As to form: Select\_Concurrence

## **Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- (a) Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to submit and sign the Youthful Offender Block Grant application and related contracts, amendments, or extensions with the State of California that forms the County's Juvenile Justice Development Plan.
- (b) Adopt the attached budget revision recognizing the Youthful Offender Block Grant revenue.

## **Summary Text:**

Section 1961 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (W&IC) which was enacted into law on September 1, 2007, required the Probation Department, on or before January 1, 2008, to prepare and submit to the Corrections Standard Authority (CSA) a Juvenile Justice Development Plan (JJDP) for youthful offenders. The CSA requires that any County participating in the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) program adopt a resolution of the Board of Supervisors assuring that the County JJPD has been developed, reviewed and provided to the CSA in a format determined by the CSA, and assures that the County will adhere to the requirements of W&IC Sections 1950-1962 regarding the uses of YOBG funds. Also this resolution is to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit and/or sign the County's YOBG application and related contracts, amendments or extensions with the State of California. The abbreviated timeline between the date counties received the application and formatting requirements for the JJDP and the submission deadline, did not allow sufficient time to adopt a

resolution prior to January 1, 2008. An original or certified copy of the resolution must be submitted to CSA by April 1, 2008.

## **Background:**

Senate Bill 81 and clean up legislation under Assembly Bill 191 resulted in significant policy changes regarding commitments to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), formerly the California Youth Authority (CYA), commencing September 1, 2007. The new legislation now prohibits the further commitment of wards adjudicated for non-Section 707(b) Welfare &Institutions Code (W&IC) offenses (excluding certain sex offenses) to the DJJ facilities after September 1, 2007. Legislation also allows for the committing court to recall some, all, or none of the commitment orders for non-707(b) W&IC offenders currently committed to DJJ. In addition, that all non-707(b) W&IC offenders in DJJ facilities who are released to parole will be returned to the County of commitment for community supervision and requires that all current non-707(b) W&IC offenders whose parole is suspended, cancelled or revoked, be returned to the custody of the County of commitment.

The legislation includes funding to offset the cost of providing services to the non-707(b) W&IC wards returning to the County, non-707(b) W&IC wards who can no longer be placed with the DJJ, and to build capacity to supervise these wards. The block grants are allocated based on County population aged 10-17 years and juvenile felony dispositions. The YOBG funds must be used in accordance with W&IC Sections 1950-1962 and as outlined in the JJDP. For FY 2007-08 the allocation to the Santa Barbara County Probation Department is \$259,089.

#### Performance Measure:

#### Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: None

#### Fiscal Analysis:

	FY 07-08
	FY 07-08 Budget
Expenditures:	
Salary and Benefits	78,250
CBO Contracts	177,100
Travel and Training	3,739
Total Expenditures:	259,089
Financing:	
Youthful Offender Block Grant	259,089
Total Financing:	259,089

Narrative:

Current year YOBG funds will be used to provide enhanced supervision by redirecting existing staff, training, and by enhancing treatment service contracts as required by Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 1950 through 1962 as outlined in the Juvenile Justice Development Plan. Increased services will be fully funded by the Block Grant. There will be no increased cost to the General Fund.

## **Staffing Impacts:**

<u>Legal Positions:</u> <u>FTEs:</u>

### **Special Instructions:**

Please send a minute order and 2 certified copies of the adopted resolution to Damon Fletcher, 117 E. Carrillo St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

## **Attachments:**

Probation Department Mandates Resolution Budget revision Juvenile Justice Development Plan

## **Authored by:**

Damon Fletcher

cc: