



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:** October 6, 2015  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Recommendations for the Issuance of Awards for the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program

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County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- A. Accept the allocation of funding from the State Recidivism Reduction Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00;
- B. Approve the recommendations of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) to award the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC) Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program funds allocated to the County to Good Samaritan Shelter and Community Solutions, Inc. as recidivism and crime reduction service providers;
- C. Approve and authorize the Chief Probation Officer, or designee, to execute:
  1. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Good Samaritan Shelter in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 through June 30, 2016;
  2. Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Community Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 through June 30, 2016; and,

- D. Determine that the acceptance of funding from the Recidivism Reduction Fund, the approval of the CCP's recommendations for the award of Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program funds, and the approval and authorization of the Purchasing Agreements are not the approvals of a project that are subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), finding that the actions are not a project as they are the creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file the Notice of Exemption (Attachment A).

**Summary Text:**

The State of California Budget Act of 2015 (Fiscal Year [FY] 2015-2016) allocates \$4 million to the BSCC for the Community Recidivism Reduction Grants described in Penal Code section 1233.10 (Attachment B). This money is an addition to the \$8 million provided in the Budget Act of 2014 (FY 2014-2015).

A county must award its grant dollars through a competitive process to a nongovernmental entity or a consortium or coalition of nongovernmental entities that provide community recidivism and crime reduction services to persons who have been released from state prison, a county jail, or a juvenile detention facility, who are under the supervision of a parole or probation department, or any other person at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities. To afford maximum flexibility, a county which completed this competitive process with the FY 2014-2015 funding may allocate FY 2015-2016 funding to those service providers who competed for the FY 2014-2015 funding. Santa Barbara County's allocation for FY 2015-2016 was calculated to be \$50,000. An allocation to any service provider is capped at \$25,000 pursuant to paragraph (e) of Penal Code section 1233.10. Each county may use up to five percent of its allocation for administrative costs.

Counties that received FY 2014-2015 funds and counties that choose to participate in the FY 2015-2016 allocations are required to collect and submit data to the BSCC on grants awarded. Specifically, on January 31, 2016, participating counties must provide the BSCC with data collected from December 5, 2014 – December 31, 2015 and annually thereafter for the prior calendar year. This data must be reported for each of the years that a service provider operates with these funds. If all funds are not encumbered by a reporting date, counties will report on any funds that have been encumbered and provide detail on the funds that have not been encumbered.

The FY 15-16 funding can be spent over four years after allocation of funding to counties. Any funds not used by a county or a service provider within four years will revert back to the state General Fund.

**Background:**

Santa Barbara County's CCP was advised of the FY 2014-2015 Community Recidivism Reduction Grant funding opportunity at its meeting on September 5, 2014, and in its support of the program, the CCP tasked the Realignment Implementation Workgroup with identifying service gaps and making recommendations regarding services that should be prioritized for funding. On September 16, 2014, the BOS authorized the County Executive Officer to submit a Letter of Interest to the BSCC notifying them of Santa Barbara County's intent to participate in the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program by accepting and distributing Recidivism Reduction Funds in accordance with

California Penal Code section 1233.10. The Workgroup recommended that the funding be utilized to enhance and expand services to the Realigned population of Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Post Sentence Supervision (PSS) offenders. At a meeting held on October 3, 2014, the CCP agreed to support the Realignment Implementation Workgroup's recommendations regarding a target population for the program and the funding guidelines included in the RFP.

On December 9, 2014, the Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the CCP, established minimum requirements, funding criteria and procedures for the County to award FY 2014-2015 BSCC Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program funds, and authorized the release of the RFP. The RFP was subsequently posted on Santa Barbara County's General Services website on December 15, 2014, and included instructions mandating the submission of proposals by January 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Also on December 15, 2014, a memo announcing the availability of the RFP was electronically transmitted to members of the County's Collaborative Courts Policy Council and Core Committees, as well as to local community based organizations.

An RFP Review Committee representing the CCP's Realignment Planning Workgroup evaluated and scored all proposal submissions as per the criteria established in the RFP. After conducting a thorough assessment of all proposals, the RFP Review Committee collaborated on their findings and secured consensus to recommend to the CCP and the BOS that the following four service providers be identified as FY 2014-2015 Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program awardees: Anger Management Specialists, Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center. On February 6, 2015, the recommendations were presented to the CCP and adopted unanimously and on March 24, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the CCP's recommendations to fund the four service providers.

On August 14, 2015, the CCP was informed of the FY 2015-2016 Community Recidivism Reduction Grant funding opportunity and funding recommendations were presented to the CCP (Attachment C). The CCP agreed to follow the recommendations and recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the next two highest scoring service providers who competed for the FY 2014-2015 funding, those two being Good Samaritan Shelter and Community Solutions, Inc., be approved as recipients of the FY 2015-2016 Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant funds. Both agencies have been apprised of the CCP's recommendation and have agreed to work with the Probation Department to finalize the proposed scope of work and budgets.

The Probation Department now seeks Board authorization to proceed with the awards of the FY 2015-2016 Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant funds to the two service providers and to establish two Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor; amount not to exceed \$25,000 per agency. Each agency will be required to submit quarterly data and progress reports, which will be incorporated into the larger Realignment Plan and evaluation process. Although additional funding through the State is not assured, it is anticipated that those strategies which prove successful will be considered for continued funding through ongoing Realignment funds allocated to the County.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: No

**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	\$ 50,000.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Narrative:**

The Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant is a one-time award in the amount of \$50,000. The Probation Department proposes to award these grant funds to two community based organizations (CBO) by providing a \$25,000 award per CBO. A Budget Revision Request will be submitted when the Probation Department is in receipt of the grant funds.

The Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant will not increase the Probation Department’s General Fund contribution nor will it have an impact on facilities.

**Key Contract Risks:**

A risk analysis has been completed and no key contract risks have been identified.

**Staffing Impacts:**

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

N/A

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: CEQA Notice of Exemption
- Attachment B: Penal Code Section 1233.10
- Attachment C: Memo to the CCP

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**cc:**

- Bill Brown, Sheriff
- Joyce Dudley, District Attorney
- Rai Montes De Oca, Public Defender
- Alice Gleghorn, Director Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services