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AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: January 21, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit an application, execute the Grant Award Agreement, and accept the anticipated funding of the 2015 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$130,128.99 for the period covering October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015.

Summary Text:

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) strives to eliminate traffic deaths and injuries. It does this by making available grants to local and state public agencies for programs that help them enforce traffic laws, educate the public in traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries and economic losses from collisions.

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department proposes to improve overall traffic safety in the Santa Maria region through a combination of enforcement and supervision efforts. Enforcement activities will include locating driving under the influence (DUI) convicted absconders, and conducting surveillance and apprehension of unlicensed DUI probationers who drive. Supervision efforts will include targeting the highest risk DUI probationers in the Santa Maria region for increased field and office contacts, DUI program verification activities, searches, and alcohol testing.

Background:

OTS draws from several federal government funding sources for its grants. OTS also mounts public awareness campaigns and acts as a primary traffic safety resource in order to enlist the help of the general public and the media encouraging traffic safety. In addition to funding traditional law enforcement sobriety checkpoints and other DUI traffic-related efforts, OTS works with Probation Departments statewide in order to encourage a multidisciplinary effort to reduce repeat DUI offenses.

The Probation Department has received OTS funding since June 2006. In FFY 2011-12, utilizing evidence based risk/needs assessments and OTS grant funding, the Department assigned a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) to a dedicated DUI caseload comprised of 50 of the highest risk DUI offenders in the Santa Maria area. The Santa Maria region was targeted as it recorded the highest DUI activity in Santa Barbara County.

The Probation Department intends to continue its focus on the Santa Maria area as State data indicates that the northern region of the County continues to have the highest rate of felony DUI activity. Additionally, the Santa Maria region continues to have the highest number of probationers supervised for DUI offenses (55%) and the highest number of individuals with DUI warrants (75%). The Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) program also continues to have the highest rate of participation in the Santa Maria region. The DPO assigned to this caseload will continue to provide intensive supervision to identified individuals with the goal of increasing field and office contacts and substance abuse testing, reducing the number of warrants issued, increasing compliance with the terms and conditions of probation, and improving public safety.

The need to continue targeting this region is further demonstrated by the OTS rankings data taken from the latest published California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) report, which included Santa Maria in a comparison of 103 like-sized California cities. Out of those 103 like-sized cities, Santa Maria remains in the top 5% (ranked 6) in the State for alcohol-involved collisions and in the top 5% (ranked 5) in the state for overall collision rates in 2010. This indicates an improvement from 2009 when Santa Maria was ranked 1 in the state for the like-sized cities in alcohol-involved collisions and ranked 2 for overall collision rates.

While there has been progress made, there is still work to be done. With the knowledge gained from past grant awards, the Department is in a position to build on the foundation established and further explore the factors involved in repeat DUI offenders. Continued funding for this program will provide the opportunity to gather additional data to provide greater insight on how to supervise and reform the drinking driver.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Budgeted: Yes

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		\$ 130,128.99	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 130,128.99	

Narrative:

The grant is for a one-year period commencing in FFY 2015 beginning on October 1, 2014, and continuing until September 30, 2015, with a total award of \$130,128.99 and no required match.

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

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0.0

FTEs:
0.0

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:

None

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