



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: April 3, 2012
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 California Office of Traffic Safety Grant
Application Authorization

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit an application and execute the Grant Award Agreement for anticipated funding of the 2013 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$116,125.51 for the period covering October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013.

Summary Text:

OTS provides funding to mitigate traffic safety program deficiencies, expand ongoing activities or develop new programs. The Santa Barbara County Probation Department proposes to improve overall safety in the County through a combination of enforcement and supervision efforts. Enforcement activities will include locating driving under the influence (DUI) convicted absconders. Supervision efforts will include targeting the highest risk DUI probationers for increased field and office contacts, searches, program compliance and alcohol testing.

Background:

OTS distributes federal funding 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). 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. Prior grant efforts have focused on reducing DUI warrants and providing an increased level of field and office contacts for those offenders on administrative bank caseloads. In FFY 2011-12, utilizing evidenced 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 offenders. The Santa Maria region was targeted since it recorded the highest DUI activity in Santa Barbara County in 2010. In 2011, local and state data continued to indicate that Santa Maria remained the area of greatest DUI activity. At 59%, Santa Maria still had the highest number of supervised DUI probationers in Santa Barbara County (57% in 2010), 75% of the outstanding DUI warrants (70% in 2010), 66% of DUI offenders cited for driving on a suspended or revoked license (61% in 2010), as well as 80% of the DUI offenders who participated in the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) program (up from 57% in 2010). The DPO assigned to this caseload provided 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.

Results for these efforts have met or exceeded anticipated outcomes. According to the 2011 OTS Rankings, Santa Maria moved from number one (1) in 2009 to number six (6) in 2010 in the category of alcohol-involved collisions resulting in injury and death for California cities of proportionate size. There was also a 25% reduction in the number of citywide DUI arrests during this period. In fact, 2010 saw Santa Maria's ranking in 12 of the 14 OTS categories decrease from 2009. Warrants issued in the Santa Maria judicial district decreased by 26% and 35 individuals with outstanding DUI warrants were successfully served. While these numbers show significant improvement, there are still areas for concern. Of the 108 total probationers supervised in the program, 11% were cited for illegally operating a motor vehicle on public streets and 14% sustained a new DUI offense. This year's application will continue to focus on high risk DUI probationers in the Santa Maria region with ongoing evidenced based assessments for this population and intensive supervision for those that present the greatest risk to the community.

With this focus, measurable success has been achieved in focusing supervision and services on those offenders assessed to otherwise have the highest likelihood to reoffend. With a dedicated DPO charged with supervising DUI offenders, as well as other collaborative resources targeting this population, the Department is in a position to build on the knowledge gained 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: 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		\$ 116,125.51	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 116,125.51	\$ -

Narrative:

The total grant request is \$116,125.51 for the FFY grant period beginning October 1, 2012, and ending September 30, 2013. The FFY 2012-13 grant would extend for an additional year the current OTS funding of a Deputy Probation Officer position that was un-funded in the FY 2009-10 fiscal year due to budget constraints. There is no match requirement. The grant fully funds the cost of the position. The Probation Department's General Fund contribution will not increase as a result of approving this grant.

Staffing Impacts:

<u>Legal Positions:</u>	<u>FTEs:</u>
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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 – Department Mandates

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