



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
(COB Stamp)

Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
Agenda Date: December 17, 2024
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors *[Signature]*
FROM: Department Director(s): Holly L. Benton, Chief Probation Officer, (805) 803-8537
Contact Info: Spencer Cross, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, (805) 882-3675
SUBJECT: Office of Traffic Safety Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for the Driving Under the Influence Intensive Supervision Program Grant

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant application, execute the Grant Award Agreement if the grant is awarded, and accept anticipated grant funding of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025-2026 California OTS for a projected amount of \$206,967.55 for the period covering October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026; and
- b) Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms that do not involve any commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, and are therefore not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15378(b)(4) of the CEQA guidelines.

Summary Text:

This item is before your Board to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit an OTS grant application, execute the Grant Award Agreement with the OTS if the grant is awarded, and accept anticipated grant funding of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025-2026 California OTS for a projected amount of \$206,967.55 for the period covering October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026. The grant will fund a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) who will provide intensive case management and supervision to high-risk driving under the influence (DUI) offenders in the Santa Maria region, with the goals of improving client outcomes and reducing recidivism.

Background:

The California grant funding and OTS offers grant funding to local and State public agencies for programs that assist with the enforcement of traffic laws, educate the public in traffic safety, and provide varied and effective means of reducing fatalities, injuries, and economic losses from vehicle collisions. The OTS grant funds resources for monitoring and community supervision of individuals convicted of DUI of alcohol and other

controlled substances, who are at high risk of reoffending. Through this grant, if awarded, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department's grant objectives will emphasize intensive supervision to ensure compliance with court-ordered terms and conditions of probation, and to prevent re-arrest on new DUI charges. Grant objectives may include enhanced compliance monitoring and enforcement that include utilizing random home/field contacts, group reporting events, person and property searches, use of Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM), alcohol/drug testing, and DUI treatment verification and monitoring and making attempts to serve outstanding bench warrants for the targeted population and providing information to local law enforcement agencies every month.

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department has received OTS Grant funding since June 2006. The federal funding through OTS is 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). The OTS works with probation departments statewide to establish multidisciplinary efforts to reduce repeat DUI offenses, which is in addition to funding traditional law enforcement sobriety checkpoints and other DUI traffic-related efforts.

If awarded, the FFY 2025-2026 California OTS Grant will continue to place focus on providing risk and needs assessment specific to the DUI population and supervising high-risk DUI clients in the Santa Maria region who are assigned to a dedicated OTS-funded DUI caseload. In line with the Probation Department's evidence-based supervision, with the anticipated grant award, the Department will continue to utilize the Northpointe Correctional Offender Management Profiling for Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) an evidence-based risk/needs assessment to determine supervision strategies, while the Risk of Violence and Recidivism (ROVAR), the Inventory of Needs (ION), and the Texas Christian University Drug Screen 5 (TCUDS-5) will be used to further identify a client's greatest risk factors and needs. The above-mentioned assessments allow the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) managing the OTS-funded DUI caseload to work collaboratively with the clients to create treatment plan goals to improve behaviors and effect positive change.

The 2021 OTS ranking data, which originates from the California Highway Patrol Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System, the California Department of Transportation, California Department of Justice, and the Department of Finance records, ranks the city of Santa Maria as 5th out of 60 similarly sized cities in the number of alcohol-involved collisions that resulted in death and injured victims. It is noted that the above data from 2021 is the most recently published information.

The DPO to be funded through the anticipated grant award will provide intensive case management and supervision to the DUI caseload through field and office visits, unannounced searches, random alcohol/drug testing, and participation with local law enforcement in DUI prevention efforts. The DPO will work closely with the DUI Review Court, which includes DUI treatment providers. The overall goal of this grant is to improve outcomes for clients and to reduce recidivism.

Performance Measure:

In the last completed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), between October 1, 2023 and September 30, 2024, Probation's OTS grant-related efforts resulted in 431 unannounced field contacts that included a search of the person or property, 554 office contacts, 812 alcohol/drug tests, four (4) bench warrant service operations, and tracking of transdermal alcohol monitoring or remote breath testing devices. If the Probation Department is awarded the FFY 2025-2026 grant, objectives will be set in the Agreement with OTS.

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

If awarded, the Grant Award Agreement will be a renewal of the FFY 2024-2025 OTS Grant funding Agreement (Attachment A) for funding the County has received since June 2006.

During the current grant FFY 2024-2025, the Probation Department conducts monthly reviews of objectives established by the grant, focusing on quality assurance and program fidelity. The Probation Manager

overseeing the OTS grant receives monthly performance reports from the grant-funded DPO and reviews those reports to ensure objectives are met.

For FFY 2024-2025, some of the objectives included in the application include: conducting 350 unannounced field contacts, which may include searching persons or property; completing 500 office contacts with clients; conducting 500 alcohol/drug tests; and participating in four warrant service operations targeting DUI clients. These efforts are intended to enhance the department's performance and ensure the effectiveness of the OTS Grant.

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		\$ 206,967.55	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 206,967.55	\$ -

Narrative:

The anticipated grant funding award is for a one-year period from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026, with a projected award of \$206,967.55 and no required match. This grant will fund one DPO, associated travel expenses, Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) device/supplies, and testing supplies. There is no increase to the Probation Department’s General Fund contribution and no impact on facilities associated with this grant. The DPO position is currently funded in the Department’s FY 2024-25 Adopted Budget, with the assumption that the long-standing grant funding, which has been consistently received for since June of 2006, will continue. If the new grant award is approved, the position and corresponding funding will be included in the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget.

Key Contract Risks:

The prior years’ Grant Award Agreements were reviewed and there were no risks identified with them. No risks are expected with the FFY 2025-2026 Grant Award Agreement.

Staffing Impacts:

There are no staffing impacts as the DPO is an existing FTE that will continue to perform the grant-funded functions in FY 2025-2026.

Special Instructions:

Please return two (2) Certified Minute Orders to the Probation Department Fiscal Unit; 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Attachments:

Attachment A: FFY 2024-2025 OTS Grant Agreement AL25015

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