



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: September 11, 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) 2012-2013 Application for and Acceptance of Anticipated Probation Specialized Supervision Program (PSSP) Funding

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and accept the anticipated Probation Specialized Supervision Program (PSSP) award in the amount of \$96,660 from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) for the period October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013.

Summary Text:

Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Services* Training*Officers*Prosecutors (S*T*O*P) Formula Grant funds will be utilized by Cal EMA for ongoing support of the Probation Specialized Supervision Program (PSSP) in the October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, grant period. As a recipient of initial PSSP funding in FFY 2010-2011, the Probation Department developed the Batterers Enhanced Supervision and Treatment (BEST) program. The Probation Department was subsequently awarded additional funding for FFY 2011-2012 and is now applying for the third and final year of the grant cycle. The purpose of the BEST program is to enhance the intensive supervision of small caseloads of violent offenders convicted of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

Background:

The use of Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology to track and monitor criminal offenders has gained wide acceptance in the Criminal Justice System over the last several years and has shown promise in supervising Domestic Violence (DV) offenders in the community. The previous two (2) years of grant funding from Cal EMA has allowed the Probation Department to successfully employ this

technology to enhance the supervision and accountability of the highest risk probationers on existing DV caseloads throughout the County. These offenders have shown a propensity/history for violent acts against spouses, cohabitants and family members. The Probation Department proposes to continue utilizing grant funds for a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) to provide this Enhanced Electronic Supervision (EES) for DV offenders. The program has been designed to augment the supervision presently provided by specialty DV caseloads to permit the highest risk, most violent offenders be more closely monitored in the community. The use of the GPS device to better monitor a probationer's whereabouts and activities has also realized an unanticipated benefit by indirectly contributing to a reduction in jail overcrowding. Providing the DPO with this tool to closely manage a high risk population of offenders who are inherently more likely to violate their probation terms while on traditional Probation supervision, has resulted in offender compliance.

The EES-DV Officer has successfully worked with the regularly-assigned DV caseload Officers sharing responsibilities that include the development of case plans and increased community supervision. This has resulted in each offender being held to a higher level of accountability in areas such as treatment program attendance, drug and alcohol testing, the pursuit of educational and/or employment goals, and compliance in meeting financial obligations. Benchmarks are identified and reassessments include review of the offender's progress toward each case plan objective during the DV Court Review Hearing process. Additionally, increased field work in conjunction with alternative work schedules has allowed more frequent contact with the victim(s) and other family members in those instances where the offender still resides with the victim. Enhanced supervision with the GPS component has enabled the creation of exclusion zones to restrict the probationer's movements from areas that would promote illegal conduct and has served to better protect the victim in cases of stalking, retaliation and unauthorized contact.

Program outcomes to date suggest that offenders receiving EES-DV supervision are more likely to comply with court orders restricting contact with victims, to seek and maintain employment, and to participate in treatment. The third year of funding will provide the final and crucial information necessary for an evidenced-based analysis of program successes and areas for improvement.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No facility impacts are anticipated.

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	\$ 18,124.00	\$ 24,165.00	
State			
Federal	\$ 72,495.00	\$ 96,660.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 90,619.00	\$ 120,825.00	\$ -

Narrative:

The total grant of \$96,660 is to be utilized over the FFY 2012-2013 grant period, beginning October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013. The grant will continue to fund the salary and benefits of the

assigned DPO. There is a match requirement of \$24,165, which will consist of the combination of DPO salaries and benefits supervising DV cases, GPS charges and indirect costs. The Probation Department's General Fund Contribution will not increase as a result of approving this grant.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
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:

Attachment A – Department Mandates

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