



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:** September 1, 2020  
**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:** Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)  
2021; DUI Intensive Supervision Program

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

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 execute the Grant Award Agreement, and accept funding of the FFY 2021 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$160,585.00 for the period covering October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2021; and
- B. Determine that the above actions are government fiscal activities or funding mechanisms which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which 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:**

The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) offers grant funding 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 OTS grant provides resources for the monitoring and community supervision of individuals convicted of driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol and other controlled substances, and that are high risk to become a repeat offender. Through this grant, the Santa Barbara County Probation Department emphasizes intensive supervision to ensure compliance with court ordered terms and conditions of probation, and to prevent re-arrest on new DUI charges. Enhanced compliance monitoring and enforcement includes utilizing random home/field contacts, group reports, unannounced searches, use of Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM), assistance at DUI Checkpoints, alcohol/drug testing and DUI treatment verifications. Additional objectives include attempts to serve warrants for the target population and providing information to local law enforcement on a monthly basis.

**Background:**

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department has received OTS 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 in order 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.

In the last completed Federal Fiscal Year (FFY), between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019, Probation's OTS grant-related efforts resulted in 592 unannounced field contacts, 601 office contacts, 1089 alcohol/drug tests, four (4) warrant service operations and tracking of transdermal alcohol monitoring devices.

The FFY 2021 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant application continues to place focus on providing risk and needs assessment specific to the DUI population and supervising the highest risk DUI offenders in the Santa Maria region assigned to a dedicated OTS-funded DUI caseload. In line with the Department's evidence-based supervision, the Probation Department will continue to utilize the evidence-based Northpointe Correctional Offender Management and Profiling Alternative Sanctions (COMPAS) risk/needs assessment to determine supervision strategies, while the Risk of Violence and Recidivism (ROVAR), the Inventory of Offender Needs (ION), and the Texas Christian University Drug Screen II (TCUDS) are used to further identify an offender's greatest risk factors and needs. The above mentioned assessments allow the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) to work collaboratively with the offender to create treatment plan goals to improve behaviors and effect positive change.

The 2017 OTS ranking data, which originates from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of Finance (DOF) records, ranks the city of Santa Maria as 14<sup>th</sup> out of 58 similarly sized cities in the number of alcohol-involved collisions that resulted in death and injured victims. This is a considerable improvement from 2010, the inception of the first OTS grant, at which time OTS data ranked Santa Maria as 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 58 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 2017 is the most recently published information.

The DPO funded through this grant provides 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 on DUI prevention efforts. The DPO works closely with the DUI Review Court, which include the DUI treatment providers. The overall goal is to improve outcomes for offenders and to reduce recidivism.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**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			
Federal	\$ 115,500.00	\$ 160,585.00	
Fees			
Other:			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 115,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 160,585.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Narrative: The grant is for a one (1) year period commencing October 1, 2020, and continuing until September 30, 2021, with a total award of \$160,585.00 and no required match. This grant funds one (1) Deputy Probation Officer and their associated travel expenses. There is no increase to the Probation Department’s General Fund contribution and no impact on facilities associated with this grant. The FFY 2021 grant funds the salary of the currently assigned DPO the remainder of this FY and the first quarter of the next FY.

**Key Contract Risks:**

There are no contracts associated to this grant.

**Staffing Impacts: N/A**

<b><u>Legal Positions:</u></b>	<b><u>FTEs:</u></b>
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**Special Instructions:** Please return two (2) Certified Minute Orders to Christina Sibley, Fiscal Manager, Probation Department, 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

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