



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: September 6, 2011
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Patricia J. Stewart, Chief Probation Officer 805.882.3652
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011-2012 Application for and Acceptance of
Anticipated Probation Specialized Supervision Program (PSSP) Funding

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:

- A) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and accept the anticipated Probation Specialized Supervision Program (PSSP) award in the amount of \$100,000 from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

Summary Text: Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors (STOP) Formula Grant funds will be utilized by Cal EMA for ongoing support of the Probation Specialized Supervision Program (PSSP) in the October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 grant period. As a recipient of PSSP funding in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010-2011, the Probation Department developed the Batterers Enhanced Supervision and Treatment (BEST) program and became eligible to apply for the second year of the three-year funding 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 Probation Department proposes to continue utilizing grant funds for a Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) to provide Enhanced Electronic Supervision (EES) for Domestic Violence (DV) offenders. The DPO will utilize Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) technology to enhance the supervision of probationers on existing DV caseloads countywide. The target population will be probationers who have shown a propensity/history for violent acts against spouses, cohabitants, family members or those in a dating relationship.

This program will augment the supervision presently provided by specialized DV caseloads to allow the highest risk, most violent offenders to be more closely monitored.

The EES–DV officer will continue to work in tandem with the regularly-assigned DV caseload officer. Shared responsibilities include the development of case plans and increased community supervision, which facilitate the ability to hold each offender 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. Moreover, increased field work in conjunction with an alternative work schedule allow for more frequent contact with the victim(s) and other family members in those instances where the offender continues to reside with the victim. Enhanced supervision with the GPS component enable the creation of exclusion zones to restrict the probationer’s movements from areas that would promote illegal conduct, and better protect the victim in cases of stalking, retaliation and unauthorized contact.

Preliminary outcome results of the program suggest that offenders under EES-DV supervision are more likely to abide by court orders restricting contact with their victims, seek and maintain employment and participate in treatment. However, it is too early to assess what type of long term benefits the program will have on the rate of successful probation completions. Second and third year funding are crucial to the analysis of outcomes.

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	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 33,333.00	\$ -
State			
Federal	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 133,333.00	\$ -

Narrative: The total grant of \$100,000 is to be utilized over the FFY 2011-2012 grant period, beginning October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. The grant will continue to fund the salary and benefits of the assigned DPO. There is a match requirement of \$33,333, which will consist of a combination of DPO salaries and benefits supervising DV cases, GPS charges and indirect cost. The Probation Department’s General Fund Contribution will not increase as a result of approving this grant. Cal EMA anticipates that successful applicants will be funded for a total of three years; however, funding for each subsequent year requires reapplying and is dependent on the inclusion of appropriation in the budget for subsequent fiscal years and is not currently guaranteed.

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
0

FTEs:
+1.0

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

Authored by:

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