

Attachment C: Memo to the CCP

Memorandum



Date: August 14, 2015
To: Community Corrections Partnership (CCP)
From: Tanja Heitman, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Program Funding

The State of California Budget Act of 2015 (Fiscal Year [FY] 15-16) allocates \$4 million to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Community Recidivism Reduction Grants described in Penal Code section 1233.10. This money is an addition to the \$8 million provided in the Budget Act of 2014 (FY 14-15). Any county interested in receiving a portion of this additional \$4 million must notify the BSCC by September 30, 2015, by means of a letter of interest.

In FY 14-15, Santa Barbara County received \$100,000 of the funding to develop a community recidivism and crime reduction services program. The Board of Supervisors (BOS), in collaboration with the County's Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), established minimum requirements, funding criteria, and procedures for the County to award the grants. A Request for Proposal (RFP) process was initiated and eleven program proposals were received; three were not scored as they did not meet the minimum requirements laid out in the RFP. Three representatives of the CCP Realignment Plan Workgroup evaluated and scored the remaining eight proposal submissions as per the criteria established in the RFP. These efforts culminated on September 16, 2014, at which time the BOS approved acceptance of the funding and agreed to distribute it to the top four highest scoring applicants, which included: Coast Valley Substance Abuse Treatment Center, Anger Management Specialists, Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center.

Santa Barbara County's FY 2015-2016 allocation will be \$50,000. The guidelines indicate that no one community based organization (CBO) may be granted more than \$25,000 cumulatively over the course of one or more FYs. It is proposed that the CCP recommend to the BOS that the following CBO applicants who scored as numbers five and six in the first competitive bid process be funded using the FY 2015-2016 allocation:

- Good Samaritan Shelter Services (GSSS)
Requested funding: \$25,000 grant funds/\$21,625 in-kind match
GSSS will use the funds to provide intensive case management and literacy services to Realigned offenders housed in the emergency shelter. Case management services will focus on goals and objectives aimed at achieving self-sufficiency and preventing recidivism. Literacy services will increase offenders' ability to secure employment; thus, ultimately aid in reducing recidivism as well.
- Community Solutions Inc. (CSI)
Requested funding: \$25,000 grant funds/\$6,900 in-kind match

CSI will use the funds to institute the ACT WorkKeys database, testing, and assessment tools to complement the employment services currently available to Realigned offenders at the Probation Report and Resource Center. ACT WorkKeys Assessments is a web-based skills assessment system that measures foundational and soft skills, as well as specific industry skills that employers believe are critical to job success. The ACT WorkKeys model uses various components to help refine a client's employment interests and then provide information in the areas they need to be developed in order to pass the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) test for their chosen job. (NCRC is an industry-recognized portable, research-based credential that certifies essential skills needed for workplace success.) KeyTrain, a training component of WorkKeys, is then used to build skills in the chosen fields of interest.

Upon CCP approval of the aforementioned action, the Probation Department will conduct a pre-award meeting with each of the CBO agencies prior to the BOS Hearing, to ensure that an agreed upon scope of work and budget is in place and that they understand the contract requirements.