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AGENDA LETTER

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA  
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Department Name: Probation  
Department No.: 022  
For Agenda Of: December 9, 2014  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: 4/5

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department *Steven DeLira for*  
Director(s) Beverly A. Taylor, Chief Probation Officer (805.882.3652)  
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**SUBJECT:** Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) Grant

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

Risk Management

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to execute and submit the Grant Award Agreement and accept the 2015 Board of State and Community Corrections, Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) Grant funds in the amount of \$147,940 for the period covering October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015 (Attachment A);
- B. Approve the attached budget revision recognizing (\$110,955) in current year (State/Federal) funding. The remaining (\$36,985) will be included in the Departments FY 2015-16 proposed budget (Attachment B) (4/5 vote required);
- C. Determine that the execution and approval of the Grant Award Agreement and the acceptance of RED Grant funds is not the approval of a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), finding that the action is a creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant impact on the environment, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment C).

### **Summary Text:**

On July 8, 2014, the Board of Supervisors authorized the Chief Probation Officer to submit an application and if granted, return to the board for approval to execute the Grant Award Agreement, and accept the then anticipated funding of the 2015 Board of State and Community Corrections, Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) Grant.

### **Background:**

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002 reauthorized the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJDP) to administer the Title II Formula Grants program, which supports state and local delinquency prevention/intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. Congress appropriates funds and OJDP awards them to states on the basis of their proportionate population under 18.

To receive Formula Grants award, states must comply with four core requirements of federal law. One of these requirements is that states must demonstrate a good faith effort to address racial and ethnic disproportionality. Racial and ethnic disproportionality refers to unequal treatment of youth of color involved in the juvenile justice system that results in disparate outcomes for similarly situated youth. This phenomenon may also be referred to as disproportionate minority contact (DMC).

The Probation Department monitors DMC and works towards reducing racial and ethnic disparity by analyzing referrals to Probation, Juvenile Hall bookings, petitions filed by the District Attorney and sustained petitions. In addition, Probation uses the Santa Barbara Assets and Risk Assessment (SBARA) which assist in diverting youth that do not need probation supervision away from the juvenile justice system. The youth that are diverted from probation may be referred to Restorative Justice (RJ) and/or Teen Court. Probation operates an Alternative Report and Resource Center (ARRC) which provides an alternative to detention and resources to probation youth. Resources include employment development, Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT), homework assistance, drug and alcohol counseling and RJ. Lastly, Probation and local law enforcement agencies have worked jointly in evaluating which law violations do not require probation intervention and may directly be referred to Teen Court.

In Santa Barbara County African-American youth represent 1.5% (644 of 43,016) of the youth between the ages of 10-17 and represent 4% (98 of 2,431) of juvenile referrals sent to Probation. In addition, African-American youth represent 6.3% (76 of 1,213) of Juvenile Hall bookings and 6% (62 of 1,034) of in-custody holds for detention hearing. Hispanics represent 61.1% (26,285 of 43,016) of the youth between the ages of 10-17 and represent 62.6% (1,523 of 2,431) of juvenile referrals sent to Probation. In addition, Hispanic youth represent 73.5% (892 of 1,213) of Juvenile Hall bookings and 74% (765 of 1,034) of in-custody holds for detention hearing. Probation's goal is to gain a better understanding regarding the elements that contribute to racial and ethnic disparity of youth of color in the juvenile justice system and work towards aligning these youth with the percentages they represent in the community.

As the Probation Department continues its focus towards reducing racial and ethnic disparity, the Department secured letters of support from the Presiding Juvenile Court Judge, Law Enforcement, District Attorney, Public Defender, Social Services, Mental Health, School Districts, Youth Community Service Agencies and Commissions and the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission. While there has been progress made, there is still work to be done.

Together, Probation, the community and partner agencies can work toward the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities across the juvenile justice continuum. Funding for this effort will be used to contract with instructors to provide implicit bias training, contract with consultants to assess and evaluate the need for RED in Santa Barbara County, strengthen the foundation for a RED initiative, more actively engage the community, and implement a plan with improved demonstrated outcomes.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:** Budgeted: No

**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	\$ 110,955.00		\$ 147,940.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 110,955.00	\$ -	\$ 147,940.00

**Narrative:**

The grant is for a one-year period commencing in Federal Fiscal Year 2015 beginning on October 1, 2014, and continuing until September 30, 2015, with a total award of up to \$147,940 and no required match. The current County fiscal year (2014-15) cost represents three-quarters of the available funding, with the remainder of the funding to be utilized in County fiscal year 2015-16.

There is no increase to the Probation Department’s General Fund contribution and no impact on facilities associated with this grant.

**Key Contract Risks:**

The risk analysis has been completed and no key contract risks have been identified.

**Staffing Impacts:**

**Legal Positions:**  
0.0

**FTEs:**  
0.0

**Special Instructions:**

Please return two (2) Certified Minute Orders to Michael Cameron, Fiscal Manager, Probation Department, 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Please return two (2) Original Resolutions to Steve DeLira, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

**Attachments:**

- Resolution (Attachment A)
- CEQA (Attachment B)
- Budget Revision Request (Attachment C)

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