



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: January 19, 2016
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Guadalupe Rabago, Chief Probation Officer 805.882.3652
Contact Info: Tanja Heitman, Deputy Chief Probation Officer 805.739.8537
SUBJECT: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Program for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017;
DUI Intensive Supervision Program

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit an application, execute the Grant Award Agreement, and accept anticipated funding of the FFY 2017 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant in the amount of \$145,059.00 for the period covering October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2017.
- B. Determine that approval of the FFY 2017 OTS Grant Program 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 actions are not a project as they are the 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 the Notice of Exemption (Attachment A).

Summary Text:

OTS provides funding to mitigate traffic safety program deficiencies, expand ongoing activities, or develop new programs. The Santa Barbara County Probation Department proposes to improve overall safety in the County through a combination of enforcement and supervision efforts. Enforcement activities will include locating driving under the influence (DUI) convicted absconders, and conducting surveillance and apprehension of unlicensed DUI probationers who drive. Supervision efforts will include targeting the highest risk DUI probationers in the Santa Maria region for increased field and office contacts, DUI program verification activities, searches, and alcohol testing.

Background:

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department has received OTS funding since June 2006. OTS distributes federal funding 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). In addition to funding traditional law enforcement sobriety checkpoints and other DUI traffic related efforts, OTS works with Probation Departments statewide in order to encourage a multidisciplinary effort to reduce repeat DUI offenses.

In line with the Department’s evidence-based supervision, the 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 on a dedicated OTS-funded DUI caseload. The OTS ranking data taken from the latest published California Highway Patrol (CHP) Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) report ranks number the city of Santa Maria fourth in the number of alcohol-involved collisions that resulted in death and injured victims. The deputy probation officer assigned to this caseload provides intensive supervision to these cases, works closely with the DUI treatment providers, and assists with the Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM) program.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

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			
State			
Federal		\$ 145,059.00	
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ 145,059.00	\$ -

Narrative: The grant is for a one (1) year period commencing October 1, 2016, and continuing until September 30, 2017, with a total award of \$145,059.00 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.

Key Contract Risks: There are no contracts associated with 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: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

Kimberly Shean, Probation Manager

Attachment A to Board Letter

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Guadalupe Rabago, Chief Probation Officer

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 as defined in the State and County guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): N/A **Case No.:** N/A

Location: Santa Barbara County

Project Title: Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 DUI Intensive Supervision Grant Program

Project Description: The 2017 DUI Intensive Supervision Grant Program is funded through the OTS and is awarded to counties for the purpose of mitigating traffic safety program deficiencies.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Not a Project: Section 15378(b)(4)
- Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378(b)(4); the actions are not a project as they are the 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.

Reasons to support exemption findings:

The Santa Barbara County Probation Department intends to submit an application, execute the Grant Award Agreement, and accept anticipated funding of the FFY 2017 OTS Grant. Through the 2017 DUI Intensive Supervision Grant Program, Probation proposes to improve overall safety in the County through a combination of enforcement and supervision efforts.

Tanja Heitman _____

Department/Division Representative Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project): _____

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Distribution: (for posting six days prior to action, and posting original after approval)