



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: July 21, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Guadalupe Rabago, Chief Probation Officer 882.3652
Director(s)
Contact Info: Tanja Heitman, Deputy Chief Probation Officer 739.8537

SUBJECT: **Contract with UCSB for Evaluation Services of Adult Probation Programs**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- A. That the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Agreement for Services of Independent Contractor with Regents of the University of California to provide evaluations and reports on how the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (SB678) and the Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109) are being implemented with a total contract amount not to exceed \$124,293 (Attachment A).

- B. Determine that these activities are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), finding that these activities are covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment, and where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that these activities may have a significant effect on the environment, the activities are not subject to CEQA, and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption (Attachment B).

Summary Text: Professors Jill Sharkey and Merith Cosden of the University of California, at Santa Barbara (UCSB) will evaluate and report on the implementation of the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (SB678) and the Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109) with recommendations to the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) and the local criminal justice system on how to improve local probation practices to reduce recidivism for felony probationers, Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) and Post Sentences Supervision (PSS) clients. UCSB will also provide group process evaluations of at least one of the county's collaborative courts, with

follow-up assessments designed to examine long-term functioning and to assess the integration of recommendations. The Agreement is funded through the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (SB678) and the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109).

Background: The California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009 (SB678) provides funding to probation departments based on achieved reductions in the failure rate of adult felony probationers. The State defines a failure as an adult probationer who was sent to state prison for a revocation of probation, as well as adult felony probationers sent to state prison for a conviction of a new felony offense. Through successful reductions in the failure rate, SB678 funding is being received from the State.

The 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109) transferred responsibility for specified lower level inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to counties. This change was implemented on October 1, 2011. The Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) in each county is required to develop a Public Safety Realignment Act Plan for the subject population. Santa Barbara County’s FY 2015-2016 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan, as developed by the CCP and approved by the Executive Committee of the CCP, was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 21, 2015. The services for Realigned offenders recommended in these Agreements and related expenditures were included in the County’s FY 2015-2016 Public Safety Realignment Act Plan.

Execution of the UCSB Agreement will inform and improve local probation practices and service delivery through continuous development and updating of a comprehensive evaluation plan, providing reports regarding identified indicators, and coordinating and managing all data collection evaluation of services designed to decrease criminal thinking, reduce drug and alcohol dependence, reduce criminal reoffending, improve mental health, and improve functioning in the community. Evaluations of one the county’s collaborative courts will also be provided.

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			
State	\$ 124,293.00		
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 124,293.00	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative:

This Agreement is fully funded by State funding sources which include 2011 Public Safety Realignment Act (AB109) revenue in the amount of \$68,796, and SB678 revenue in the amount of \$55,497 for a combined Agreement total amount of \$124,293. Execution of the attached Agreements will not increase the general fund contribution to the Probation Department.

Key Contract Risks:

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

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

No Effect

FTEs:

No Effect

Special Instructions:

Please return one (1) fully signed original of the Agreement to:
Michael Cameron, Fiscal Manager,
Probation Department
117 E. Carrillo St., Santa Barbara CA 93101

Attachments:

Attachment A: UCSB, FY 2015-2016 Agreement
Attachment B: CEQA Notice of Exemption

Authored by:

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CC:

County Counsel