



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: ADMHS  
Department No.: 043  
For Agenda Of: 12-8-09  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme:  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department Ann Detrick, Ph.D., Director  
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**SUBJECT: JAG-OTP Grant**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

Authorize the County Executive Officer to submit an application and execute the Grant Award Agreement for anticipated funds in the amount of approximately \$539,838 for the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant - Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program (JAG - OTP) from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA).

**Summary Text:**

The State of California adopted the FY 09-10 budget on July 28, 2009 which included the elimination of funding for the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act (SACPA). As a result, on November 10, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved FY 09-10 amendments reducing the amounts of agreements with contractors providing services for the County's Alcohol and Drug Program (ADP). At that time, ADMHS informed the Board that one-time funding would be forthcoming to alleviate some of the impact of the State cuts. The recommended action will allow the County to submit the required documentation and subsequently to receive such funds through the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant - Substance Abuse Offender Treatment Program (JAG-OTP) as provided by the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

**Background:** In FY 09-10, \$95 million of State funding for the SACPA program (codified under Penal Code Section 1210) was discontinued. SACPA provided approximately \$1.5 million annually to Santa Barbara County to divert nonviolent persons convicted of drug possession or drug use to appropriate treatment in lieu of incarceration. This funding provided treatment to over 1000 clients annually who

were involved in the criminal justice system. The SACPA reduction required a commensurate reduction in ADP's contracted service provider agreements. However, without the anticipated grant funds, more significant and immediate treatment reductions would have been necessary.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Public Law 111-5, or "ARRA") includes funding to various federal agencies for a multitude of federal programs and almost \$2.0 billion in critical resources for state and local law enforcement and other criminal justice activities through the JAG program. Cal EMA, as the State Administrative Agency in California, was awarded over \$135.0 million under the JAG Program, and of this amount over \$44.4 million has been allocated to support JAG-OTP in conjunction with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP). Offender Treatment Programs were established in FY 06-07 to enhance outcomes and accountability of substance abuse offenders convicted of nonviolent drug offenses, who qualified under SACPA. The intent of the JAG-OTP program is to provide funding to County ADP departments to support OTP programs that utilize evidence-based Drug Court Models.

Funding for JAG-OTP has been allocated to County ADP departments based on the OTP funding methodology which includes population, drug arrest data and treatment outcomes. Santa Barbara County's portion of the allocation is \$539,838. These one-time funds will provide substance abuse treatment for criminal offenders convicted of nonviolent drug offenses following a drug court model. The grant award period is from October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2011, although the funds are anticipated to be expended in FY 09-10. To receive funding, ADP must demonstrate that the funds will be used to support a Collaborative Drug Court Model. Santa Barbara County has a long history of Collaborative Courts with positive outcomes as demonstrated by high treatment completion rates and low rates of re-offending.

**Performance Measure:**

Approval of the recommended action will assist ADMHS in meeting the following Recurring Performance Measure: to provide alcohol and other drug treatment services to adults and youth.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

**Fiscal Analysis:**

Narrative: The funding changes will be included in Budget Revision Requests (BJE 2008092) to be submitted for Board approval under separate cover. The expenditures of these funds are included in the FY 2009-10 Budget for Professional and Special Services.

**Special Instructions: Please send one (1) minute order by December 10 via fax to x 5222 and:**

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