



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

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Agenda Number:

Department Name: Probation
Department No.: 022
For Agenda Of: April 22, 2014
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme: N/A
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Beverly A. Taylor, Chief Probation Officer, 882-3652
Director(s)
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SUBJECT: Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Submit the Application to Pursue Twelfth
Year Allocation Funding Under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: No

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer, as your lead agent, to submit the Application for Approval to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) in order to utilize funding in the amount of \$1,204,519 allocated to Santa Barbara County under the Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA), from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.
- B. Review and approve the attached County's Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) Fiscal Year 2014-15 (FY14-15) for submission to the BCSS for approval.
- C. Assure that the County will adhere to the BSCC's contract terms and statutory requirements, participate in the collection of the required data, and use grant funding to supplement and not supplant existing programs.

Summary Text:

The use of JJCPA funds continue to address the primary areas of concern regarding at-risk youth and youthful offenders. The 2014 Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan (CMJJP) identifies gangs, substance abuse, mental health issues, and female-specific services as priorities of the local

juvenile justice system. Funds provided through the JJCPA remain geared toward these and related issues. The current use of JJCPA funds remains consistent with past years' uses.

Over the years, one-time funding in the form of reserves has been used to balance the JJCPA budgets while keeping the program options at a status quo (staffing and services). In an effort to reduce the continued use of one-time funding, and slow the depletion of the JJCPA reserves the FY 14-15 budget proposes to eliminate one School-Based Deputy Probation Officer (DPO). The budget proposal also recommends the elimination of the mentor program through the Community Action Commission (CAC), which will be mitigated by re-directing JJCPA youth to CAC's mentoring program funded through the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG).

JJCPA funds have historically been used to provide counseling services to juvenile offenders by Community-Based Organizations (CBO). The proposed budget eliminates the individual contracts with CBOs and redirects a portion of those funds to acquire two (2) counselors/therapists, one in north county and one in south county, who will be located at the Alternative Report and Resource Centers and will provide those services to the JJCPA youth. Together, the proposed reductions realize a savings of \$201,688, with a net savings of \$71,332 in FY14-15 over the current year due to the increased costs of the positions remaining in the budget.

The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), at their April 4, 2014, meeting voted to use JJCPA funds to continue to support four (4) Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) positions for the School-Based Officer Program and three (3) DPOs in the Early Intervention (EI) programs. Both programs operate on a countywide basis. The JJCC also approved JJCPA funds to continue to support an Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services clinician to perform mental health assessments on juvenile offenders and the funding for two (2) counselors/therapists to provide counseling services.

Background:

Assembly Bill 1913 was signed into law on September 7, 2000, as the Schiff-Cardenas Crime Prevention Act. Subsequent legislation renamed it the JJCPA. The JJCPA is a State-funded initiative that supports local programs and services that address crime and delinquency among at-risk juveniles and juvenile offenders. The JJCPA requires the County to establish and maintain a multi-agency JJCC for the purpose of developing, reviewing, and updating a CMJJP that describes the local juvenile justice system and its efforts to address delinquency.

The CMJJP is reviewed annually and revised as necessary by the JJCC. The current CMJJP was approved by the JJCC at their February 7, 2014, meeting.

County funding under JJCPA was historically used for three core programs: Truancy Mediation, Initial Assessment/First Offender Intervention, and Aftercare Services. Due to reductions in annual JJCPA allocations, the original truancy component was modified and the aftercare component and one Assessor were redirected from this funding source in FY 2008-09; the two remaining Assessors were redirected in FY 2010-11. Probation utilized funds from the Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) to fund the Assessors and the Aftercare component. In addition to JJCPA, the Probation Department utilizes a variety of other funding sources to provide services to at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families. These sources include Federal Title IV-E funds, Juvenile Camp and Probation Funding, County General Fund Support, and YOBG funds.

The four School Based Officers (SBOs) serve secondary, continuation, and community school campuses throughout the County, and work closely with school staff and administration. They coordinate their activities with law enforcement School Resource Officers (SRO). The SBOs presence on school campuses seeks to deter delinquent acts and foster a safe school environment. The program has enjoyed wide support from school administrators and SROs.

The three Early Intervention (EI) DPOs supervise caseloads consisting of both formal and informal cases, and coordinate closely with counselors providing life skills education or individual counseling to youthful offenders. These caseloads provide most of the supervision efforts geared toward younger, first-time offenders. The DPOs focus on assisting the entire family which increases parental accountability and involvement in the youth's treatment and needs.

Performance Measure:

The Probation Department tracks and reports 18 performance measures related to the JJCPA. The following are representative of JJCPA outcomes:

Ensure that 90 percent of youth successfully completing the Early Intervention Program will not be admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six months of program completion. For the 30 youth who successfully exited in FY 12-13, 96.7 percent were not admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six (6) months of successful program completion.

Ensure that 90 percent of youth successfully completing the School-Based Officer Program will not be admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six months of program completion. For the 43 youth who successfully exited in FY 2012-2013, 97.7 percent were not admitted to the Juvenile Hall within six (6) months of successful program completion.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

There are no anticipated facility impacts. The project will continue to use existing facilities owned or operated by the County or schools.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>FY 2014-15</u>
Probation	\$1,338,670
ADMHS	\$84,549
Community Based Organization	\$154,281
Total Expenditures \$	1,577,500.00

<u>Funding Sources</u>	FY 2014-15
JJCPA State Grant	\$ 1,204,519
Use of Reserve Funds	149,572
Federal Title IV-E	198,697
ADMHS Medi-Cal Funds for Init. Assmnt/First Offender	24,712
Total Funding	\$ 1,577,500

Aside from the funding for services provided under the JJCPA, program services are supported by other revenue sources. These include Federal Title IV-E (\$198,697) and Medi-Cal (through ADMHS) \$24,712. This funding approach should remain constant in coming years.

The JJCPA budget for FY 2014-15 does not cause the County General Fund contribution to increase.

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

Please return (2) Certified Minute Orders to Benjamin Meza, Probation Department, 117 E. Carrillo Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Attachments:

Attachment A – 2014 Comprehensive Multi-agency Juvenile Justice Plan

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Attachment A