Attachment C

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Beverly A. Taylor, 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: Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program

Project Description: Submit a Letter of Interest to the BSCC notifying it of Santa Barbara County's intent to participate in the Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- ____ Statutory
- <u>Categorical Exemption</u>
- Emergency Project
- $\sqrt{}$ Not a Project: Section <u>15378(b)(4)</u>
- ____ Other

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: <u>Section 15378(b)(4)</u>; 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 Community Recidivism and Crime Reduction Services Grant Program is funded through the BSCC and is awarded to counties for the purpose of developing a competitive grant program intended to fund community recidivism and crime reduction services. The matter will be brought back to the Board for final review and consideration of the recommendations from the CCP prior to soliciting applications from service providers.

Tanja Heitman

Date

Acceptance Date (date of final action on project):

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____

Department/Division Representative

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at Planning and Development six days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days.

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