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MEMORANDUM PROBATION DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF PLACER

ORIGINAL

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Stephen G. Pecor, Chief Probation Officer 

DATE: January 12, 2010

SUBJECT: Placer County Probation Department Grant Application

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit an application for funding in the amount of \$390,642 to Cal EMA's Public Safety and Victim Services Programs for the Evidence-Based Probation Supervision Program.

BACKGROUND

On November 5, 2009, the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), Crime Suppression Section, released a Request for Application (RFA) to county probation departments to provide evidence-based supervision, programs, or services to adult felons in an effort to reduce the likelihood that they will be sentenced to prison.

This funding has been provided with the intent that counties in California use these funds as seed money in anticipation of further funding from the State as delineated in SB678. It is the State's intent to demonstrate savings for CDCR through the use of this money statewide. The demonstrated savings would then be used to fund these activities on an on-going basis. Monies from the current grant, as well as monies supplied under SB678 in the future shall not be used to supplant current expenditures.

According to the grant requirements (as well as the intent of SB678), our department must develop a plan that specifically reduces the current rate of felony probationers, age 18 to 25, sent to prison as a result of a probation revocation or new criminal conviction. The prescribed methods include, but are not limited to: risk and needs assessments, graduated sanctions for probation violations, substance abuse and mental health treatment, employment and training assistance, case management, intensive supervision for high risk offenders coupled with treatment services, cognitive behavior programs and program evaluations.

Placer's proposed project will bridge the gap between our proven juvenile programming and adult services. Funding made available through this ARRA Byrne Grant through Cal-EMA (as well as future SB678 funding) would allow for increased staffing through the development of specialized high risk caseloads to increase our level of evidence based supervision and services, thus decreasing recidivism and decreasing the total number of probationers sentenced to the CDCR. Furthermore, there is no current funding to provide evidence-based services and programs to adult probationers, and there is little leeway for graduated sanctions that would provide alternative solutions to violations of probation that would otherwise result in CDCR resolutions. The goal of the program is to provide evidence-based supervision, programs, and services to adult felon probationers in an effort to reduce the likelihood that they will commit new crimes or other violations and be sent to prison.

Funding will be distributed to qualifying county probation departments, in the State of California, that have submitted a completed application (due December 31, 2009) based on each county's population of adults 18 to 25 years of age. The amount of \$390,642 will be made available to Placer County Probation for this one-time grant program. These grant monies are federally derived from Recovery Act Funds and recipients must ensure that the funds are not commingled with funds from any other source. Funds may be spent over a three-year period. The grant period will be October 01, 2009, through September 30, 2012. Future funding shall be determined based on statewide savings achieved through reductions in commitments to CDCR and will be allocated based on a formula as identified in SB678. A draft copy of Probation's grant narrative is included as a separate attachment.

Probation has submitted its application in order to allow the County to meet the states deadline of December 31, 2009, without putting Placer County's funds in jeopardy. Should the Board opt not to pursue this opportunity; the Department will rescind its application.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no match for this grant and there will be no new net county costs.

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