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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: AMANDA GIBBS for Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer
Probation

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SUBJECT: Authorization to accept a \$25,000 donation from the Van Loben Sels/Remberock Foundation

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests authorization to accept a \$25,000 donation to the Probation Department from the Van Loben Sels/Remberock Foundation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On December 16, 2013 the Probation Department received a donation in the amount of \$25,000 from the Van Loben Sels/Remberock Foundation. The Chief Probation Officer is seeking the Board's authorization to accept this donation for use at the Juvenile Evening Reporting Center (ERC). Approval of the requested action will enable the donation to be used to fund contract services using community non-profits. This includes staff to assist in facilitating groups and activities to youth referred to the ERC.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	Donation from Van Loben Sels/Remberock Foundation in the amount of \$25,000.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Approval of the requested action will enable the donation to be used to fund contract services to enhance programming at the Juvenile Evening Reporting

Center and offset budgeted County general funds.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: Future fiscal impact is dependent upon the availability of funds from the Foundation. Any funding would offset budgeted County General Funds for the ERC program.

Consequences if not approved: If this item is not approved, the Probation Department will not be able to use these funds to provide services to high risk youthful offenders at the Evening Reporting Center in an effort to reduce crime after school hours. Funds would revert back to the Foundation.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no Environmental Impact for this item.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Napa County Probation Department has received a \$25,000 donation from the Van Loben Sels/Remberock Foundation to provide services to youth at the Evening Reporting Center (ERC). In fiscal year 2009-2010, the Executive Director of the Foundation approached Napa County after learning of how the County was expending funds from the State under the Youthful Offender Block Grant. The Foundation had been instrumental in the passage of SB 81 which authorized funding for high risk youth. The Foundation is interested in working with counties throughout the state that demonstrate the use of evidence based practices and focus on youth as intended by SB 81. This is the fourth year the foundation has provided the department with a donation.

In March 2009, the Probation Department opened the ERC to serve as a community based alternative to detention in Juvenile Hall. The ERC provides supervision of nonviolent offenders ages 14-17, in a highly structured and well supervised group activities during high risk periods. The ERC is primarily funded by the Youthful Offender Block Grant. In fiscal year 2012-2013, the ERC served 81 youth. Due to the success of the ERC program, a summer Day Reporting Center was opened during the summer months to provide probation youth with activities as well as evidenced based curriculum.

The Department requested funding to assist in the programming and services at the ERC through a contract with community non-profits. The ERC is staffed by Probation Officers and a full-time counselor from the Wolfe Center who facilitate groups and activities to youth referred to the ERC. Additionally, a half-time mental health clinician from Aldea Children and Family Services provide mental health services to the youth and their parents. The ERC is open on weekday evenings from 3:00-6:30pm and Friday nights at the Wolfe Center until 9:00 p.m.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Liz Habkirk