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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Butler, Mary - Chief Probation Officer
Probation
REPORT BY: Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager - 253-4126
SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Napa County Juvenile Justice Development Plan (JJDP) for Youthful Offender Block Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests the following actions related to the Juvenile Justice Development Plan (JJDP):

1. Adoption of a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Juvenile Justice Development Plan previously reviewed by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council and authorizing its submission to the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA);
2. Approval of Budget Transfer No. 20 increasing appropriations in the Probation Department budget in the amount of \$82,010 with offsetting revenues from the Corrections Standards Authority for the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Development Plan (4/5 vote required); and
3. Adoption of a resolution amending the Departmental Allocation List for the Probation Department adding one (1) Probation Officer III and one (1) Probation Assistant effective February 9, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 12, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger approved nearly \$23 million in Youthful Offender Block Grants in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget for counties to implement new juvenile correctional reforms. Napa County has received an allocation of \$92,250 for the current year to enhance the capacity of local communities to implement an effective continuum of response to juvenile crime and delinquency.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	No
What is the revenue source?	The Probation Department has received a Juvenile Justice Development (JJD)

allocation of \$92,250 for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. It is anticipated that \$82,010 will be spent in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and \$10,240 will rollover to Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: The Corrections Standards Authority has awarded the grant in the amount of \$92,250 to Napa County for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to provide for rehabilitative and supervision services to youthful offenders. Funds will be used to provide services to high risk youth returning to the community from camp and group home placements.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: Future fiscal impact is dependent upon the availability of grant funds. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly in future fiscal years.

Consequences if not approved: If this item is not approved, the Probation Department will not receive these funds to provide services to high risk youthful offenders who have returned to, or will be returning to the community from group homes or camp.

Additional Information: None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On September 1, 2007, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) stopped accepting juvenile court commitments and parole violators, except those convicted of violent, serious, or sex offenses that fall under Penal Code 707 (b). Juvenile offenders with less serious convictions will now be kept in their local jurisdiction, where they can benefit from programs within their communities and be closer to potential support networks. The Youthful Offender Block Grant (YOBG) funding will allow counties to provide services to juvenile offenders who can no longer be housed in DJJ facilities and to provide services to high risk minors so they can be rehabilitated at the county level.

Napa County's Juvenile Justice Development Plan has two programs that focus service delivery on wards:

The first program will provide intensive supervision services to high risk youthful offenders who have returned to, or will be returning to the community from group homes and camp or can avoid a camp placement by participating in a treatment program. In order to be safely maintained in the community, high risk youth will require intensive supervision services to address issues related to emotional/mental health, education, employment, substance abuse and social skill building needs. Research has shown that successful treatment programs incorporate the principals of cognitive behavior theory. The Probation Department is committed to approach risk reduction through Evidence Based Practices and staff have been trained in using these techniques. The Department is requesting to add a Probation Officer III who will be responsible to supervise a small but intensive caseload of 12-15 high risk youth offenders who have returned to, or will be returning to the community or are being served to prevent a camp commitment. The Probation Officer will also coordinate and oversee each offender's participation in other Probation services.

The second program will provide a Day/Evening/Weekend Reporting Center. This center will serve as a community based alternative to detention that will provide supervision of nonviolent offenders with highly structured and well supervised group activities during high risk periods. The Department is requesting to add a Probation Assistant to work directly with the Probation Officers who refer high risk youth to the Reporting Center. The current Probation Work Program will operate within the center. The Reporting Center programs will work in tandem with the STAR Program that provides programming to youth in-custody at Juvenile Hall. Youth may be referred to the Reporting Center when released from Juvenile Hall if additional support is need to be successful in the community. Electronic monitoring will also be run out of the Reporting Center. It is anticipated that 30 - 50 minors will be referred to the Reporting Center on an annual basis. Funding from the Youthful Offender Block Grant program is expected to increase in the future and the Reporting Center will be able to serve more youth.

Napa County will receive \$92,250 in Fiscal Year 2007-2008. The Probation Department expects to spend \$82,010 this fiscal year. The Department has submitted a request to rollover \$10,240 to Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

As required, the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council has reviewed the Juvenile Justice Development Plan for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and recommends that the Board adopt the resolution approving this plan. The plan was due to the Corrections Standards Authority on January 1, 2008, however, the Board of Supervisors Resolution is not due until April 1, 2008.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . JJD Plan for Youthful Offender Block Grant Funding
- B . Resolution Approving Plan and Acceptance of Grant
- C . Resolution Amending Dept Allocation List

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Maiko Klieman