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# NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **Board Agenda Letter**

TO: Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Lynn Perez for Mary Butler - Chief Probation Officer

Probation

**REPORT BY:** Lynn Perez, Staff Services Manager, 253-4126

SUBJECT: Resolution for the Application for Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Set-Aside Funding

## RECOMMENDATION

Chief Probation Officer requests adoption of a resolution approving the Application for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) Program Set-Aside Grant with the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) for the period March 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006 in the amount of \$171,029 to provide accountability-based programs for juvenile offenders.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) has been advised that \$2.1 million in Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds allocated to California in past years must be expended by November 30, 2006 or be reverted to the federal government. Under federal law, JABG "set-aside" funds must be used in a way that benefits local jurisdictions falling below the federal threshold for a direct JABG allocation. Napa County has been identified as one of the 28 counties eligible for a share of these JABG set-aside funds.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes
Is it currently budgeted? No

What is the revenue source? Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) federal funds. Revenue and

expenditures will be added to the appropriate fiscal year budget upon grant approval. The department is anticipating using approximately \$20,000 in FY 05-06 for training. The remainder of the grant (\$151,029), will be added to the FY 06-07 budget. The cash match required by the grant for program services (\$14,559) is part of the Juvenile Probation and Camp Funding (JPCF) State allocation and is included in the the FY 06/07 requested budget. County

funds already budgeted to STC training (\$4,444) will be used as match to the

training portion.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: Funds can be used to add or enhance services supported by State funds

(previously, TANF) which can be used as a match for this grant. In addition, funds can also be used for Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) training provided to juvenile corrections and/or juvenile probation officers. County funds already dedicated to STC training can also be used as a match for this grant. Previously, STC was funded by the State, however in FY 03/04 funding was no longer included in the Governors budget. The County General Fund has been paying for required training. These funds will help

to offset that expense.

Is the general fund affected? No

Future fiscal impact: Funds must be expended by November 30, 2006.

Consequences if not approved: Federal funds in the amount of \$ 171,029 would not be received and services

will not be provided to the youth in the community in need of this service.

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**

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program (JABG) provides funds to local communities to enhance their efforts to combat serious and violent juvenile crime through accountability-based reforms. JABG set-aside funds, must be spent on programs that fall into one of sixteen federally designated program purpose areas.

For the period commencing March 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006, Napa County is eligible to receive \$171,029 with a required 10% match of \$19,003 for a total project cost of \$190,032. State or local funds dedicated to the program can be used as the 10% match for this grant. Funds must be expended by November 30, 2006.

Napa County's plan will cover two of the federally designated program purpose areas. The first component will enhance services already supported by State funds under the Juvenile Probation and Camps Funding Program (JPCF) to provide treatment services to minors on probation. The Department will increase its contract with both the Wolfe Center (\$50,000) and ALDEA (\$26,029) to provide additional drug and alcohol treatment services and counseling services to minors on probation. In addition, the funding for the Napa County Drug Court Grant will end on June 30th of this year. The department will contract with the Wolfe Center to continue drug court (\$50,000) and will provide funds for incentives (\$5,000) for youthful offenders. JPCF funds already committed to this program will be used as match for this portion of the grant (\$14,559).

The second componet will be to enhance Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) training provided to juvenile hall counselors and juvenile probation officers (\$40,000). Training to staff will focus on interventions that will help to hold youth accountable, rehabilitate them and reduce their rates of recidivism. The department funds

dedicated to STC training will be used as match for this portion of the grant (\$4,444).

# **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

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CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi