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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Carol Strobel for Gary Lieberstein - District Attorney
District Attorney
REPORT BY: Carol Strobel, Administrative Services Officer, 253-4215
SUBJECT: Application for Gang Violence Suppression Multi-Component grant and resolution of support.

RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney requests adoption of a resolution in support of the Gang Violence Suppression Multi-Component Grant and authorizing the District Attorney's Office to prepare, execute, and submit to the Office of Emergency Services an application for the first year of the three year grant cycle, commencing July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$392,500 for the first year, to address prevention, intervention and suppression of gang activity.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa has been fortunate to have been awarded this gang violence suppression grant for the last four years. This application and Board of Supervisor's resolution of support is an attempt to again stress our critical need to continue these efforts with a new three year funding cycle.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The District Attorney's Office is the lead agency of the multi-agency grant application. If awarded the funding will be distributed as follows: District Attorney \$104,288; Probation \$68,482; Sheriff \$15,000; with the balance going to local police agencies, schools and non-profits. At the time the FY 05-06 budget was prepared estimated amounts were included in each departments' request. An in kind match requirement of 10% is a prerequisite of the grant. General fund contributions to this program above the match requirement are as follows: District Attorney \$87,691 and Probation \$13,955.

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: For the past four years, Napa County has greatly benefited through the financial assistance of the Gang Violence Suppression Grant. During this time period, our county was awarded over \$1.6 million in state funding for the prevention, intervention and suppression of gang violence.

The District Attorney's Office, as lead agency, coordinated countywide partnerships including the County Office of Education, the bilingual community non-profit Nuestra Esperanza, Probation Department and all law enforcement agencies.

Working closely together, this collaboration of County, City and private agencies have made Napa County a safer place to live and work.

Napa County needs to continue its strong commitment towards the reduction and prevention of gang violence. Securing new state grant funds for this purpose in the coming years will continue this commitment as well as reduce the impact of these efforts on the General Fund.

The \$392,500 for the first year will fund one DA Gang Investigator and one Sr. Account Clerk in the District Attorney's Office (\$115,875, of which \$11,587 is in in-kind match, leaving a balance of \$87,691 for general fund), one Gang Probation Officer (\$76,625, of which \$7,663 is in in-kind match, leaving a balance of \$13,955 for general fund), overtime funding for the Sheriff's Department and development of an outreach program targeting middle schools (\$18,000, of which \$3,000 is match). The rest of the first year's grant funds will pass through the District Attorney's Office to fund non-county positions and activities in the Office of Education, Nuestra Esperanza, Napa Police Department, St. Helena Police Department, and Calistoga Police Department. All positions and activities will target gang prevention, intervention and suppression.

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: Although funding is based upon availability for the last two years, this is the first year of a three year grant cycle.

Consequences if not approved: The County could lose most, if not all, the gang targeted activity to repress gang violence that has been accomplished through the funds provided by this grant.

Additional Information: The County's share of the grant funds will be used to support a District Attorney Investigator; a Senior Account Clerk in the District Attorney's office, a Probation Officer I/II, and overtime in the Sheriff's office.

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 purpose of this program is to reduce the level of gang violence in the community and divert potentially dangerous gang members and gang activity into more positive and constructive social behavior. A MOU has been created among the participating agencies. Per agreement among the components, the District Attorney's Office is the lead agency, with funds being transferred on a reimbursement basis. This application is for the first of an anticipated three-year grant cycle.

1. Prevention (community-based organization) Expansion of Nuestra Esperanza programs to prevent and intercede with "at risk" youth, counseling, and provide alternate activities.
2. Education (County Office of Education) Implementing a intervention/prevention program for grades 6 through 8.
3. Law Enforcement; Calistoga PD and St. Helena PD; funding for the summer activity program for "at risk" youth. Napa Sheriff's Office; training, overtime funding, and development of an intervention program for middle school level. Napa PD; training, overtime, outreach and/or diversion program for "at risk" youth.
4. Prosecution (District Attorney's Office) One gang investigator LT; 25% of one Legal Secretary I/II and 75% of one Sr. Account Clerk LT.
5. Probation; One Deputy Probation Officer I/II LT.

Because this is a competitive grant, final ratification will be brought to the Board upon notification of award.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Resolution
- B . CEO Memorandum

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi