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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: Renewal of ADA (Byrne) Grant

RECOMMENDATION

District Attorney requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Anti-Drug Abuse Enforcement Program grant award for a maximum of \$123,800 for the term July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This grant provides funding for narcotics enforcement through a collaboration with the Napa Police Department, Napa County Probation and the District Attorney's Office. Napa County continues to aggressively investigate and prosecute those involved in drug offenses. Funding in FY 2007/2008 is expected to be \$123,800.

FISCAL IMPACT

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| Is there a Fiscal Impact? | Yes |
| Is it currently budgeted? | Yes |
| Where is it budgeted? | District Attorney Probation |
| Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? | Discretionary |
| Discretionary Justification: | This item is discretionary in that applying for or accepting these funds is not required by law. In FY 2007/2008, Napa County will receive \$123,800 to fund 27% of an Attorney IV salary, 38% of a Probation Officer II and 29% of the NSIB Officer at the City of Napa Police Department. Each of these positions is crucial in the fight against the sale and consumption of illegal substances by both adults and minors. |
| Is the general fund affected? | Yes |

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| Future fiscal impact: | This block grant is ongoing and is expected to continue in future fiscal years. Appropriations will be budgeted accordingly. |
| Consequences if not approved: | The prosecution of crimes and monitoring of probationers are mandated functions. If the County does not receive these funds, the General Fund will need to support these activities. |
| Additional Information: | The funding for this grant was severely cut in FY 2006/2007. If approved, the Governor's revised budget will provide funds for this grant to be restored to prior year levels. In the past, the County of Napa has received as much as \$196,575. The actual amount of the FY 2007/2008 grant is unknown at this time. The minimum amount Napa County will receive is \$123,800, a reduction of \$1,162 from the FY 2006/2007 minimum. Increases in Proposition 172 Sales Tax and General Fund dollars have been included in the FY 2007/2008 Recommended Budget to help cover the salary and benefit increases of the Attorney IV and Probation Officer. |

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

Since FY 1996/1997, the District Attorney's Office has been a recipient of an allocation of funds from the Federal Byrne Anti-Drug Abuse Enforcement Program (administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services). Under this funding, the District Attorney's Office provides one Attorney II dedicated to the prosecution of drug related crimes, Napa County Probation provides one Probation Officer for NSIB drug searches and the City of Napa provides one Police Officer for NSIB.

Methamphetamine sales and use is an extremely serious problem nationwide and Napa County is no exception. One of the major goals of this ongoing grant is to reduce the impact of this drug in Napa County. This includes referring users to treatment programs as mandated by law to assist them in becoming drug-free. In order to do so, Probation must have the tools to monitor those on probation to be certain that they are staying clear and sober. Additionally, law enforcement and the District Attorney must have the appropriate resources to apprehend and prosecute those individuals who produce and sell dangerous drugs. Over the long-term, if the community can become healthier and less drug-dependent, there is a strong possibility that the number of drug-related crimes will decrease and save dollars and lives.

During the period of July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, 51 narcotic arrests were made, 23 probation searches were conducted, 8 probationers were tested for drugs and 9 weapons were seized. Methamphetamine manufacturing and sales and marijuana eradication will continue to be the emphasis and focus of FY 2007/2008.

This grant was administered by the City of Napa until FY 2001/2002 when federal guidelines changed and required a county entity to function as the administrating agency.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan