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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 to sign a grant award with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services in the amount of \$124,962 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 to continue funding for the Narcotics Information Network.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This ongoing grant addresses vital narcotics enforcement on the streets through Napa Police Department, and through Prosecution and Probation. Napa County continues to aggressively investigate and prosecute those involved in drug offenses.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	District Attorney - the recommended budget includes revenue of \$89,973 based on Supplemental Budget Report No. 1. Probation - Because at the time the budget was created, the Department anticipated receiving \$55,401, the \$20,000 difference between the actual amount of the grant (\$34,989) and the budget amount of \$55,401 will be achieved through reductions in expenditures in office expense, training, overtime and contracts.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	While applying for this grant is discretionary, if awarded funds are required to

be spent only on grant approved activities.

This \$124,962 funds three positions, the District Attorney's Office will receive \$42,487 (48% of the salary and benefits for an Attorney I), the Probation Department will receive \$34,989 (42% of the salary and benefits for a Probation Officer II), and the City of Napa's Police Department will receive \$47,486 (for the salary and benefits of their NSIB officer).

Each of these positions are crucial in the fight against sales and consumption of illegal substances by both adults and minors and would most likely be funded 100% by General Fund dollars were it not for the contributions of this multidisciplinary grant.

Is the general fund affected?

Yes

Future fiscal impact:

The Edward Byrne Memorial block grant should continue into the future. This grant is noncompetitive, with no match required by the County, to offset the cost of necessary positions to investigate, prosecute and supervise probationers convicted of drug offenses. The District Attorney and Probation positions would have to be funded 100% by the County General Fund. As a result of this grant, the County only funds 52% of the attorney costs and 58% of the probation officer costs. Any change in Net County Cost was included in the supplemental adjustment mentioned to the Board during budget hearings.

This funding for this grant was initially severely cut for fiscal year 2006/2007. The May revise, if it passes, has provided for these grants to be restored to their historical levels. In the past the County has received as much as \$196,575. At this time, the grant amount is unknown, however, we believe the minimum we would receive is \$124,962.

Consequences if not approved:

Because the prosecution and monitoring of probationers is a mandated function of both the District Attorney and Probation, the General Fund would have to entirely support the activity.

Additional Information:

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 fiscal year 1996/1997 the District Attorney's Office has been a recipient of an allocation of funds from the Federal Byrne Anti-Narcotic Agency Block Grant (administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services) along with the County Probation Department and the City of Napa. The District Attorney's Office provides one Attorney II dedicated to the prosecution of drug related crimes, Probation provides one Probation Officer for NSIB drug searches, and the City of Napa provides one Police Officer as Project Manager for NSIB.

Methamphetamine sales and use is an extremely serious problem nationwide and Napa County is no exception.

As one of the major focuses of this ongoing grant, it is hoped that collectively we can make positive strides towards reducing the impact of this terrible drug on our community. This includes referring users to treatment programs as mandated by law to assist them in becoming drug-free. In order to do so, however, Probation must have the tools to monitor their probationers 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, not limited to just methamphetamine, to our community including our youth. Over the long-term, if we as a community can become healthier and less drug-dependent, there is a strong possibility we can reduce drug-related crimes and save dollars as well as lives.

This funding for this grant was initially severely cut for fiscal year 2006/2007. The May revise, if it passes, will restore the funding level to its original levels. Should the May revise not pass, both Probation and the District Attorney have implemented cost-savings to adjust for the potential loss of revenue.

During the period July 01, 2005 through December 31, 2006, narcotic arrests made were 86, 21 probation searches conducted, 15 probationers tested for drugs, and 5 weapons seized. Methamphetamine manufacture/sales and marijuana production will continue to be the emphasis and focus for fiscal year 2006/2007.

This grant was administered by the City of Napa until fiscal year 2001/2002, at that time Federal guidelines changed and required the Project Director and Administering Agency to be a County entity, the District Attorney's Office is fulfilling that role.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi