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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 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 \$196,575 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 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

Probation

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Discretionary

Discretionary Justification: This \$196,575 funds three positions, the District Attorney's Office will receive

\$66,836 (69% of the salary and benefits for an Attorney II), the Probation Department will receive \$55,041 (67% of the salary and benefits for a Probation Officer II), and the City of Napa's Police Department will receive

\$74,698 (for the salary and benefits of their NSIB officer).

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: The Edward Byrne Memorial block grant should continue into the future. If

funding is not available the District Attorney and Probation will review staffing and workload issues, with the goal of continuing to provide prosecution and probation services as required by law. It may be necessary to increase the general fund contribution to these departments to successfully achieve that goal. This is a noncompetitive grant with no match required on the County. The District Attorney and staff from the County Executive Office will review the

general fund contribution to this grant as part of the ongoing dialogue

requested by the Board of Supervisors in connection with all grant funding in

this budget unit.

Consequences if not approved: Because the prosection and monitoring of probationers is a mandated

function of both the District Attorney and Probation, the General Fund would

have support the activity.

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

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.

During the period July 01, 2004 through December 31, 2004, narcotic arrests made were 89, 34 probation searches conducted, 19 probationers tested for drugs, and 6 weapons seized. 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.

As requested by the Board, the District Attorney and staff from the County Executive Office will include this grant as part of the discussions to be held during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2005-06 regarding increased general fund contributions to various grant programs.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi