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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Carol Strobel for Gary Lieberstein - District Attorney  
District Attorney  
**REPORT BY:** Carol Strobel, STAFF SERVICES MANAGER - 253-4215  
**SUBJECT:** Renewal of ADA (Byrne) Grant

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

District Attorney requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a Certification of Assurance of Compliance that authorizes the District Attorney to sign an Anti-Drug Abuse Enforcement Program grant award with the California Emergency Management Agency for a maximum of \$164,481 for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This grant provides funding for a narcotics enforcement team that includes staff from 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 Fiscal Year 2010-2011 will be \$164,481, which is a decrease of \$37,298 from Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

### **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 item is discretionary in that applying for or accepting these funds is not

required by law. In Fiscal Year 2010-2011, Napa County will receive \$164,481 to fund approximately 37% of an Deputy District Attorney III position, 100% of an Extra Help City of Napa Police Officer, and approximately 43% of a Probation Officer II. 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

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:

### **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-Drug Abuse Enforcement Program (administered by the California Emergency Management Agency). Under this funding, the District Attorney's Office dedicates one Attorney III to the prosecution of drug related crimes. Napa County Probation provides one Probation Officer for Napa Special Investigations Bureau (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, the Probation Department must have the tools to monitor those on probation to be certain that they are staying clean 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. 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, 2009 through June 30, 2010, 121 narcotic arrests were made (increase from 88 in FY 2008/2009), 85 probation and parole searches were conducted (increase from 52 in FY 2008/2009), and 56 weapons were seized (increase from 30 in FY 2008/2009.) Methamphetamine manufacturing and sales and marijuana eradication will continue to be the emphasis and focus of Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

This grant was administered by the City of Napa until Fiscal Year 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