



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Probation



Date: July 29, 2013
Board Meeting Date: September 10, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John Keene, Chief Probation Officer

Subject: Acceptance of Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to:

- A) Apply for and accept federal funds available for a two year cycle beginning on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2015, in the amount of \$250,000 through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections for the Evidence-Based Practices To Improve Public Safety Project; and
- B) Provide matching funds required for this grant in the amount of \$27,778; and
- C) Certify that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the Board of Supervisors

BACKGROUND:

In 2012 the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) approved \$1 million in discretionary Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) funds to further develop the Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) priority for this funding source. Implementing and improving EBP is a priority for the Probation Department.

In the early 1990's juvenile jurisdictions began using risk assessment tools to support decisions made regarding the level of supervision. In 2005 the Probation Department began using a juvenile assessment tool to better determine risk level for reoffending and which criminogenic needs to target in treatment plans for juvenile offenders. The chosen tool has proven to be cumbersome to complete and questionable as to its validity for San Mateo County. Therefore, the Probation Department is seeking to acquire a replacement risk and needs assessment tool that will support EBP treatment plans and therefore affect improved outcomes with youth in the juvenile justice system.

DISCUSSION:

The Probation Department has submitted the grant proposal for federal funds available for a two year cycle beginning on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 20, 2015 and due on July 17, 2013 to the BSCC for their review (see attached grant application). Per grant requirements, acceptance of the grant requires a resolution by the Board of Supervisors. Receipt of Federal funding provided by the JABG Program covers the cost of purchasing and implementing a new juvenile risk assessment tool and evaluating the effectiveness of the tool for San Mateo County.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Safe Neighborhoods by helping probation officers more effectively assess the criminogenic risk and needs of youth and to therefore create and follow appropriate, individualized treatment plans.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

| Measure | FY 2013-14 Actual | FY 2014-15 Projected |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Percent of youth on probation who are assessed for risk and criminogenic needs. | 90% | 100% |

FISCAL IMPACT:

The term of the JABG agreement is October 1, 2013 through September 20, 2015. The total grant is \$250,000. The grant requires a \$27,778 matching funds and is 100% Net County Cost. Funds have been included in the FY 2013-15 Adopted Budget.