



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Probation



Date: January 20, 2015
Board Meeting Date: February 24, 2015
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John T. Keene, Chief Probation Officer

Subject: Approval of Application and Acceptance of the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant for the Evidence Based Practices Training Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing Chief Probation Officer or his designee to:

- A) Apply for and accept federal funds available for FY 2015-16 in the amount of \$20,000 through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections for the Evidence-Based Training Project; and
- B) Provide matching funds required for this grant in the amount of \$2,222

BACKGROUND:

The BSCC is the Designated State Administrative Agency for the following federal juvenile justice funding sources: Title II Formula Grant Program and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG), with oversight from the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP). The SACJJDP consists of experts, appointed by the Governor on juvenile justice policies and programs. The funding sources mentioned support programs and strategies that provide positive outcomes for youth, their families and the communities they live in. In addition, a state mandate also directed the BSCC to support statewide efforts in implementing evidence-based practices (EBP).

Recently, the SACJJDP approved \$250,000 in discretionary JABG funds to develop and support an EBP Training Project throughout the state. The goal of the EBP Training Project is to reduce recidivism of juvenile offenders by providing the funds for training probation staff and their juvenile justice partners in order to increase their skills, competency, and proficiency in implementing effective correctional practices that promote rehabilitation.

As the Probation Department moves towards becoming a Certified Evidence Based Organization (CEBO), it is more pertinent to continue to explore funding opportunities that will strengthen its commitment of implementing more evidence-based supervision strategies and programs.

DISCUSSION:

The Probation Department has duly submitted the FY 2015-16 grant proposal which was due on January 21, 2015 to the BSCC for their review. Per grant requirements, acceptance of the grant requires a resolution by the Board of Supervisors. Receipt of Federal funding provided by the JABG Evidence Based Practices Training Project will provide the specialized training needed by probation officers to carry out evidence-based supervision strategies. In the past years, there has been a greater need for Probation to provide gender specific care, trauma informed client management and case planning training for its probation officers within the juvenile services division as well as their juvenile justice partners.

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

Acceptance of these funds contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Safe Neighborhoods by providing adequate training to probation staff and their partners on evidence-based practices that lead to better supervision strategies to reduce recidivism of juvenile offenders.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2014-15 Target	
Number of Deputy Probation Officers, Probation Services Managers and juvenile justice partners who receive training on evidence-based gender specific care	20	
Number of Deputy Probation Officers, Probation Services Managers and juvenile justice partners who receive training on evidence-based trauma informed care	20	
Number of Deputy Probation Officers who receive training on evidence-based case management	54	

FISCAL IMPACT:

In order to secure the federal funding in the amount of \$20,000, the County is required to provide \$2,222 in matching funds. These funds are Net County Cost and will be included in the FY 2015-16 Recommended Budget.