



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Probation



Date: January 9, 2017
Board Meeting Date: February 14, 2016
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 the Chief Probation Officer or his designee to:

- A) Apply for and accept federal funds available for FY 2016-17 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 Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is the Designated State Administrative Agency for the following two federal juvenile justice funding sources: Title II Formula Grant Program and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program (JABG). The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) aligned these programs to support California's Title II Three-Year plan. The plan outlines three priority areas: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparity (R.E.D.); Evidence Based Practices (EBP); and strategies to support positive outcomes for youth, their families, and communities. The legislative mandates associated with the BSCC also direct the Board to support statewide efforts in implementing evidence-based practices.

On April 22, 2013, to support the Three-Year plan, the SACJJDP approved \$250,000 in discretionary JABG funds (CDFA 16.523) to develop the EBP priority area. In May 2014, the BSCC Board authorized the establishment of an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to oversee the development of a Request for Application (RFA) process to identify probation departments that were prepared to receive training that would assist them in implementing or expanding the use of evidence-based practices within their local juvenile justice communities. This competitive process resulted in grant awards to nine projects which began on May 1, 2015, and concluded on June 30, 2016.

On June 9, 2016, the BSCC approved a recommendation from the SACJJDP that approximately \$190,000 in additional JABG funding be extended to the nine (9) EBP Training grantees for a second round of project funding. This reapplication process is in response to the BSCC's authorization of this funding.

The Probation Department is considered to be an eligible applicant previously selected through a competitive process to receive EBP Training Project funding which began May 1, 2015, and ended on June 30, 2016. The department is one of nine counties eligible for continuation funding through this non-competitive reapplication process for a second round of funding to begin on November 1, 2016 through February 28, 2018. As the department moves towards becoming a Certified Evidence Based Organization (CEBO), it is critical 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 grant application which was due on October 12, 2016 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 to Probation Service Managers, Director, and Power Users to carry out the oversight of 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 2016-17 Target
Number of Probation Services Managers, Directors, and Power Users who receive coaching on the Juvenile Assessment Intervention System (JAIS)	25
Percentage of case reviews performed by Probation Services Managers utilizing the JAIS case plans	100%

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 2016-17 Recommended Budget.