

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date: _____ Held Until: _____
Agenda Item No: _____ Agenda Item No: _____

Department: Probation

() 4/5 Vote Required

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Board Date:
11/03/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:
California DUI Court Expansion Project

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funds from the Office of Traffic Safety in California in the amount of \$416,354 for the grant period October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2012 and amending Probation Department Allocation List, adding 1.0 limited term FTE Deputy Probation Officer III position for the above grant period.

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign the Standard Agreement and any amendments or extensions which do not significantly change the program content and are within the approved budget authority.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost
October 1-June 30, 2009
Amount Budgeted

\$101,429
\$101,429

Contingencies
(Fund Name:)
Unanticipated Revenue
(Source:)

Other Avail Approp
(Explain below)

Other Transfer(s)
(Source:)

Additional Requested:

Add'l Funds Requested:

Explanation (if required): The balance of funding (\$314,925) will be included in the FY 2010-2011, FY 2011-2012, FY 2012-2013 proposed budgets.

Prior Board Action(s):

01/29/2008 Resolution accepting grant funds in the amount of \$196,032 for the grant period of 1/1/08-08/31/09 and amendment of Department Allocation List.

Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval:

County of Sonoma will not participate in the DUI Collaborative Court and supervision and case management of DUI court participants will be contracted to private agency.

BACKGROUND:

On July 13, 2007 the Sonoma County Superior Court applied to the Administrative Office of the Courts in California for a two year grant to start a specialized DUI Court to target 100 repeat DUI offenders annually. The grant was submitted based on an identified need substantiated by the 2007 Annual Report of the California DUI Management Information System for Sonoma County which showed that nearly 30% of all DUI offenders had multiple offenses. The Court's proposal was accepted for a two year period from September 1, 2007 – August 31, 2009. Once approved, the Court initiated a 3 month planning process to develop the program's procedures and treatment protocols. Research has demonstrated that providing treatment, case management, and supervision can increase the likelihood of success in stopping repeat DUI behavior.

At the request and authorization of the Court, the Probation Department agreed to provide DUI Court services beginning February 1, 2008 for the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Court Expansion Project. The DUI Court has a designated judicial officer who hears specialty DUI cases on a weekly basis. The treatment component is one year in duration with three phases of treatment varying in intensity. Treatment, which is funded by the grant, is provided by two community based organizations through contracts with the Court.

The Probation Department's participation in the project includes the designation of one Probation Officer (PO) III to provide case management services to the DUI Court Expansion Project. The PO provides specialized supervision to DUI offenders who are designated by the DUI team. In addition to providing customary probation services, the assigned PO will: (a) increase contact with the DUI offenders to ensure that they abide by the requirements established by the DUI team and the Probation Officer; (b) address any non-compliance of such requirements through timely application of appropriate consequences; and (c) provide written reports to the DUI team and the Court regarding the status of the DUI offenders as reasonably necessary. The Probation Officer provides these specialized supervision services for at least 30 high-risk DUI offenders at any one period of time. Additionally, the Probation Officer participates in collaborative DUI prevention activities with the Court and its stakeholders. Probation's participation in the DUI Court is supported in the Sonoma County Criminal Justice Master Plan.

In September, 2009, the Court notified the Probation Department that additional funding is available to continue the DUI Court Expansion Project for an additional three year period, beginning October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2012.

Attachments: Resolution to accept grant funds in the amount of \$416,354 and amend Probation Department Allocation List, adding 1.0 limited term FTE PO III position for the above grant period.

On File With Clerk: DUI Court Expansion Project Standard Agreement

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

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Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign the Standard Agreement and any amendments or extensions which do not significantly change the program content and are within the approved budget authority. (4/5ths vote required)