

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

BOARD AGENDA # *B-4

Urgent Routine X

AGENDA DATE April 10, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES phd NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO X

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING FOR A JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT

STAFF RECOMMEN-1.
DATIONS:

APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO SEEK \$96,540 IN JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT (JAIBG 2000) FUNDS TO BE USED TO PROMOTE GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY OF JUVENILES IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

2. DESIGNATE THE STANISLAUS COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL AS THE JUVENILE CRIME ENFORCEMENT COALITION AS REQUIRED BY THE GRANT TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED ENFORCEMENT PLAN THAT ALLOCATES THESE FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROPOSED FUNDING PLAN.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The federal government has appropriated to the State of California \$22 million to be used to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system. The State grants these funds to units of local government based on a formula calculation with Stanislaus County eligible to receive \$96,540. The application for these funds will be submitted April 11, 2001 assuming Board approval. The JAIBG 2000 program requires a soft match of 10%. This match will generally be in the form of the salary paid to those individuals administering the grant. Any additional funds used to supply this cash match will be from the participating departments' existing budget appropriations.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2001-246

On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso, and Chair Paul

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

Motion:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

By: Christine Ferraro
Deputy

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DISCUSSION: Federal funding available through the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning is available to our County in the amount of \$96,540. The Federal Fiscal Year 2000, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) Program is intended to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the justice system. The goal is to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. Funding levels for local governments are based upon a jurisdiction's crime index and law enforcement expenditures.

Local governmental entities wishing to apply for funding must develop and implement programs with the aim of holding juveniles accountable. To ensure that the funds are used for accountability purposes all funds must be expended within one or more of the twelve purpose areas stated in the applicable legislation.

The Public Defender and District Attorney have prepared an initial plan of how these funds may be utilized. For the Public Defender the recommendations include \$15,000 for modernization of the juvenile file storage; \$25,000 for additional contract attorney hours to alleviate the backlog of juvenile cases and stream line the process; \$21,000 for the upgrade and modernization of the Public Defender juvenile computer network for a total of \$61,000 in grant funding. The District Attorney's Office would utilize \$19,641 to purchase a vehicle for the new juvenile Criminal Investigator and \$12,899 to update computer equipment at the District Attorney's Juvenile Branch Office for a total of \$32,540. The match will be provided by the cost of the Public Defender and his staff spent in administering the program.

Funding for audit, training and travel costs must be budgeted in the grant for a projected cost of \$3,000.

The grant application will be forwarded to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for consideration after Board approval to apply has been received. In addition, the grant proposal will be reviewed with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council designated to serve as the Juvenile Crime Enforcement Coalition as required by the grant.

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POLICY ISSUE: Board of Supervisor approval is required for grant application requests. In reviewing these recommendations the Board may consider whether the outcome of receipt of this grant will enhance the stated goal and priority of increased public health and safety and efficient government operations.

STAFFING

IMPACTS: Additional regular County staff is not requested. There would be an increase in available attorney hours currently provided under contract.