

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

DEPT: Probation

BOARD AGENDA # *B-4

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE September 22, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Submit a Letter to Participate in the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant Program from the Board of State and Community Corrections and Approval to Award Grant Funds

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve Stanislaus County's participation in the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant program as described in California Penal Code Section 1233.10.
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign and submit the attached letter to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding, as well as any future year's funding in the event funds becomes available.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Budget Act of 2015 has allocated \$4 million to the BSCC for the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant described in Penal Code Section 1233.10. This money is in addition to the \$8 million provided in the Budget Act of 2014 (Fiscal Year 2014-2015). Each county's allocation is based on the population within the county, making Stanislaus County eligible to receive \$50,000, which is half of last year's amount. Counties are eligible to receive funds if the Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the county's CCP, agree to develop a competitive grant program intended to fund community recidivism and

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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-434

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Withrow

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: O'Brien

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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RECOMMENDATIONS: (Continued)

3. Authorize the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) to continue to oversee the administration and oversight of the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant.
4. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer, as Chairman of the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP), to negotiate and sign any amendments with the funded service providers.
5. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to adjust appropriations and estimated revenue in the amount of \$50,000 as detailed in the attached Budget Journal for Budget Year 2015-2016.

FISCAL IMPACT: (Continued)

crime reduction services. To afford maximum flexibility, counties that previously completed a competitive process with the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 funding, may allocate Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding to those service providers who competed for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 funding, or counties may choose to initiate a new competitive process. An allocation to any service provider is capped based on population and is set at \$25,000 for Stanislaus County pursuant to California Penal Code Section 1233.10(e); however, the cap applies to each separate fiscal year funding allocation made available by the State. Each county may use up to five percent of its allocation for administrative costs. This funding is available for expenditure for four years and any unspent funds revert to the State General Fund.

The following chart outlines the distribution for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 funding, as well as the recommended distribution for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 allocation.

Service Provider	Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Allocation	Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Recommended Allocation
Friends Outside	\$15,016 over two years	\$7,508 (up to three years)
National Alliance on Mental Illness	\$17,088 over two years	\$8,544 (up to three years)
Learning Quest	\$25,000 over two years	\$12,500 (up to three years)
Nirvana	\$25,000 for one year	\$12,500 (up to three years)
Available Funding for Materials	\$12,896	\$6,448
Probation Department Administrative Costs	\$5,000	\$2,500
Total Funding	\$100,000	\$50,000

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DISCUSSION:

The Budget Act of 2015 provides additional funding to counties to support community recidivism and crime reduction services. Grants must be awarded by the Board of Supervisors through a competitive process to a nongovernmental entity or a consortium or coalition of nongovernmental entities that provide community recidivism and crime reductions services to persons who have been released from state prison, a county jail, or a juvenile detention facility, who are under the supervision of a parole or probation department, or any other person at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities.

Counties are eligible to receive funds if the Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the county's CCP, agrees to the grant program. To afford counties with maximum flexibility, the State will allow county's that already completed the competitive process to allocate the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 funding to those providers who competed for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 funding. Counties may also choose to initiate a new competitive process. Each county must notify the BSCC of their interest in participating in this grant program by September 30, 2015.

On September 16, 2014, the Board of Supervisors authorized the participation of Stanislaus County in the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant program, and authorized the Community Corrections Partnership to oversee the administration and oversight of the grant, including the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) and returning to the Board of Supervisors with recommendations for award of funds.

On October 20, 2014, the General Services Agency released the Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP was sent to nineteen local agencies, and there were seven responses: Learning Quest, Nirvana, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Friends Outside, El Concilio, United Way, and Mi Vida Empieza. An evaluation committee was convened that included the District Attorney, staff from Probation, the Chief Executive Office, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, the Sheriff's Department, and Superior Court. Four proposals were determined to meet the goals of the grant funding. The CCP reviewed and recommended approval of the four proposals. On February 10, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the awards as recommended by the CCP. The following is a description of the proposals funded with the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 grant funding.

Friends Outside – a pilot program, modeled after a successful one in Santa Cruz County that provides assertive outreach to those who are on the verge of triggering a warrant. This program plans to serve 150 probationers, of which 75 are expected to comply and avoid the issuance of a warrant. The agency was awarded \$15,016 over two years.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Stanislaus – an expansion of mental health services at the Public Safety Center. NAMI will provide two "Peer to Peer Mentors" to facilitate eight 10-week Life Skills classes for persons diagnosed with mental illness or substance abuse addiction. This program plans to serve a minimum of 105 people. The agency was awarded \$17,088 over two years.

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Learning Quest – to implement Pathways to GED, a program to help the recently incarcerated and alternative sentencing population successfully obtain a GED. Includes I-Pathways software access and purchasing the required GED curriculum materials for this specific program. The agency was awarded \$25,000 over two years.

Nirvana – to provide sober living housing, with drug and alcohol outpatient services included, for offenders in the criminal justice system or in jeopardy of being involved with criminal justice. The proposal is to fund 3 clients per month/36 clients per year, with an additional one bed provided by Nirvana. The agency was awarded \$25,000 over one year.

The evaluation committee and the CCP are recommending that a new RFP process for the additional funds not be initiated due to the limited amount of funding available and that the funds be used to extend the existing four programs detailed above.

As Chair of the CCP, the Chief Probation Officer is recommending the Board of Supervisors authorize the CCP to continue to oversee the administration and oversight of the additional funding, as well as any subsequent year's funding should it become available.

Counties receiving funds are required to collect and submit data to the BSCC. Service providers that receive a grant are responsible for reporting to the CCP on the number of individuals served and the types of services provided. The CCP must report any information received from grant recipients to the BSCC on or before January 31, 2016, and each year until the final reporting date of January 1, 2021.

POLICY ISSUES:

Board of Supervisor approval confirming the County's interest in receiving funds and the County's intent to distribute funds to service providers as specified in statute is required in order to receive the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant funds. Approval of this item supports the Board's stated goals and priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community and Effective Partnerships.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

Acceptance of the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant will require minimal staffing resources primarily from the Probation Department related to administering the grant activities. No additional positions will be required.

CONTACT PERSON:

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September 23, 2015

Kathleen T. Howard
Executive Director
Board of State and Community Corrections
600 Bercut Drive
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors has taken action on September 22, 2015, to accept funding from the state Recidivism Reduction Fund and agrees to distribute these funds to service providers as specified in statute. The Stanislaus County Community Corrections Partnership is in agreement to accept these funds and will oversee administration of the grant funding. The County will provide meeting minutes once approved as a follow up to confirm the county's intent to receive the funds.

Sincerely,

Stan Risen
Chief Executive Officer

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Explanation: Establish appropriations for Community Recidivism - Phase 2

Requesting Department Karen Curci	CEO <i>[Signature]</i> Supervisor's Approval 8-31-2015	Date Entry	Auditors Office Only Prepared By Approved By 8/27/2015
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