



Ventura County Probation Agency

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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
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SUBJECT: Approval, and Ratification of the Ventura County Probation Agency's (VCPA) Submittal, of the Initial County Application for Funding Under the Foster and Relative Caregiver Recruitment, Retention and Support (FPRRS) Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17; Authorization for the Director of the Ventura County Probation Agency to Receive FPRRS Funding from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) in the Amount of \$232,896

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Approve, and ratify VCPA's submittal of, the FPRRS Initial County Application for Fiscal Year 2016-17 Funding (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorize the Director of the Probation Agency to receive FPRRS funding from CDSS in the amount of \$232,896.

REASON FOR RATIFICATION: The deadline to submit the FPRRS application for FY 2016-17 funding to the CDSS was September 1, 2016. The Probation Agency was unable to bring this matter to your Board before that date. However, VCPA did acquire approval from the CEO's on August 12, 2016, to submit the application (Exhibit 1).

FISCAL MANDATES/IMPACT:

Mandatory:

No

Source of Funding:

Federal Title IV-E Funding. The allocation amount provided by CDSS is based on a juvenile per capita formula to implement FPRRS services.

Funding Match Required:

None required

Impact on Other Departments:

Minimal

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>	<u>FY 2017-18</u>
Revenue:	\$232,896	\$0
Costs:		
Direct:	\$232,896	\$0
Indirect – Dept.	Minimal	Minimal
Indirect – County Cap (B)	Minimal	Minimal
Total Costs:	\$232,896	\$0
Net County Cost, Including Indirect	\$0	\$0
Recovered Indirect Costs:	\$0	\$0
Department and County CAP	\$0	\$0

*Indirect costs are not material as they are incurred for the monitoring of the program and coordinating program activities.

FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget for Probation Agency BU #2633				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimate (Savings/Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 1,200,689	\$ 1,200,689	\$ 1,200,689	\$0
Revenue	\$ 975,102	\$ 975,102	\$ 975,102	\$0
Net Cost	\$ 225,587	\$ 225,587	\$ 225,587	\$0

Note: Sufficient Title IV-E revenues and appropriations are included in the FY 2016-17 budget to cover the costs.

DISCUSSION:

In September 2012, the state of California's Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) was adopted. As a result of CCR efforts, a statewide action plan was developed to improve the care for children and young adults in foster care and to increase in-home placements and related services. Specific to these efforts is FPRRS, which focuses on caregivers being active partners with county placing agencies and providing caregivers with necessary training and resources to support and retain them.

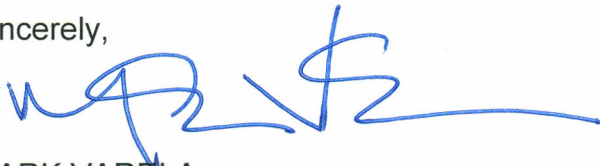
The California State Budget Acts of 2015 and 2016 established FPRRS allocations to be distributed to county Child Welfare Departments and County Probation Departments. FY 2016-17's total statewide allocation for FPRRS activities is \$43.26 million, of which \$232,896 has been allocated to Ventura County Probation. In order to receive this funding, counties are required to submit a FPRRS application for funding which is detailed

in *CDSS All County Letter No. 16-52*, (Exhibit 2). VCPA's application details the plan for FPRRS funds. This plan includes the following:

- A half-time Senior Deputy Probation Officer (SrDPO) who will serve as the Integrated Services Coordinator (ISC). This SrDPO will be responsible for leading Family Team meetings, engage in Family Finding activities and be the point of contact for caregivers. This position is an existing position already budgeted for in the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget.
- A full-time Office Based Probation Case Aide (OBPCA) will provide indirect and direct case services related to probation foster youth. It should be noted that an OBPCA, is not an existing county classification. VCPA plans to use the County generic classification of Administrative Aide until such time it is determined that a new classification would be necessary to fulfill the needs of the Agency.
- A 75 percent of a Corrections Services Officer II (CSOII) who will assist with providing transportation services for youth and family/caregivers and augment probation supervision services. This position is an existing position already budgeted for in the FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget.
- "Flex Funding" will assist caregivers with such things as transportation, counseling and other necessities.

This letter has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, Auditor Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-2100 or Chief Deputy Gina Johnson at (805) 654-2111.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Exhibit 1 - FPRRS Initial County Application for FY 2016-17 Funding
Exhibit 2 – (All County Letter 15-62)