



Ventura County Probation Agency

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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

SUBJECT: RATIFY THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT FOR FUNDING OF ANGER MANAGEMENT AND YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING PROJECT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS AGGRESSION REPLACEMENT TRAINING [ART]) THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION – JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANTS PROGRAM (JABG)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that your Board:

1. Ratify the submittal of a (JABG) Grant Application, requesting \$73,211 over a twelve-month period for funding of Anger Management and Youth Violence Prevention Training at the Juvenile Facilities (Exhibit 1).
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to submit said application and sign the grant contract and any amendments with the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), and assuring compliance with all grant requirements.

REASON FOR RATIFICATION:

Due to the tight submission deadline, insufficient time was available to seek Board approval prior to submission. The application was submitted electronically to CSA on June 9, 2009.

FISCAL MANDATES/IMPACT:

Mandatory: No
Source of Funding: JABG Fund
Funding Match Required: Yes, cash match of \$7,321 from Colston Benefits Fund (6250/7593)
Impact on Other Departments: None

Summary of Revenue and Total Costs:

	<u>FY 2009-10</u>
Revenues: JABG Fund	\$73,211
Colston Benefits Fund Match	<u>\$7,321</u>
Total Revenues	\$80,532
Costs:	
Direct:	\$69,725
Funding Match	\$7,321
Indirect – Dept.	\$ 3,486
Indirect – County Cap (B)	<u>Minimal*</u>
Total Costs:	\$80,532
Net County Cost, Including Indirects	\$0

*Indirect costs are not material as they are for minimal monitoring of the contract.

FY 2009-10 Budget Projection for Probation Agency BU #4300				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimate (Savings/Deficit)
Appropriations	\$60,964,626	\$60,964,626	\$60,964,626	\$0
Revenue	\$28,916,865	\$28,916,865	\$28,916,685	\$0
Net Cost	\$32,047,761	\$32,047,761	\$ 32,047,761	\$0

DISCUSSION:

The Probation Agency requests approval to submit a JABG Grant Application in the amount of \$73,211 over a twelve-month period to fund Anger Management and Youth Violence Prevention Training (formally known as Aggression Replacement Training [ART]) at the Juvenile Facilities. According to County procedure, if awarded the grant, the Probation Agency will return to your Board for approval to receive funds and/or sign any additional forms or agreements as may be required.

In May 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger established the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) initiative to combat gang and youth violence and created the Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy (OGYVP) to coordinate statewide gang and youth violence reduction efforts. At the Governor's request to support the CalGRIP initiative, the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP), which oversees the use of JABG funds, recommended to the CSA Board that \$1.1 million of federal JABG funds be used to reduce gangs and youth violence. At the recommendation of OGYVP, the SACJJDP specifically recommended that those funds support efforts to build capacity within probation departments to implement or expand the evidence-based model of aggression replacement training for juvenile offenders.

The CSA Board formed an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) to develop an application process for selecting one or more providers to deliver the aggression replacement training and technical assistance to county probation departments statewide.

The CSA staff worked with the subject matter experts on the ESC to develop a list of qualified providers who will utilize an aggression replacement training program as identified by the Model Programs Guide of the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Funds are to be used by probation departments to contract for services with qualified providers from this list.

This intervention is designed to alter the behavior of chronically aggressive adolescents and young children to improve social skill competence, anger control, and moral reasoning. The program incorporates three specific interventions: skill-streaming, anger-control training, and training in moral reasoning.

The program consists of a 10-week, 30-hour intervention administered to groups of 8 to 12 juvenile offenders thrice weekly. During these 10 weeks, participating youths typically attend three one-hour sessions per week, one session each of skill-streaming, anger-control training, and training in moral reasoning. The program relies on repetitive learning techniques to teach participants to control impulsiveness and anger and use behaviors that are more appropriate. In addition, guided group discussion is used to correct antisocial thinking.

It is recommended that your Board ratify the submittal of the JABG Grant Application requesting \$73,211 over a twelve-month period and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign the application and related certification and assurance forms.

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 Division Manager Patricia Olivares at 805-981-5544.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Resolution
Exhibit 1 – JABG Grant Application