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Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
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Approve Grant Application to Office of Criminal Justice Planning for Violence Against Women - Probation Specialized Units Program

Dear Board Members:

The Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) is soliciting proposals from qualified applicants to enhance or create specialized probation units to handle offenders of violent crimes against women, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. It is anticipated that OCJP will select approximately six projects for funding, with a total of \$600,000 available statewide. Projects selected for award may be funded for a three year period, beginning April 1, 1999. The maximum allowable grant award to Santa Cruz County is \$105,000, with a required in-kind match of \$35,000, for a total budget of \$140,000.

One of the provisions of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 was the creation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), (Title IV, Section 40121) which established the Law Enforcement and Prosecution Grant Program, renamed the STOP Grant Program. The purpose of the STOP Grant Program is to assist state and local governments in developing and strengthening effective law enforcement strategies to combat violent crimes against women, and requires that a priority be given to areas within the state of varying geographic size with the greatest showing of need. This grant application seeks funding through the STOP Grant Program.

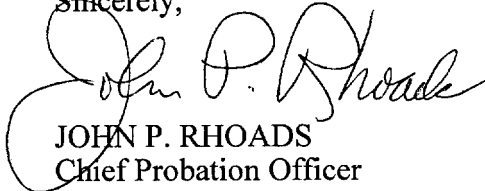
The purpose of the Probation Specialized Units program is to enhance or create specialized units in probation departments in California to intensively supervise small caseloads of offenders of violent crimes against women that include one or more of the following: sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking. The proposed plan for Santa Cruz County would add a Deputy Probation Officer and a Probation Aide to create a specialized caseload to concentrate on those offenders in the city of Watsonville. The probation component will work closely with law enforcement, the courts, victim witness advocates, and Child Protective Services, and will focus on those families with children. Your Board did approve the addition of a Deputy Probation Officer for Domestic Violence in the last budget. That officer will be carrying a caseload encompassing the entire county. The addition of another officer to South County through this proposed grant will augment our Intensive Supervision concept, and will allow us to be more responsive to the needs of our Latin0 community.

The Application to OCJP for the Violence Against Women - Probation Specialized Units Program is on file with the Clerk of the Board for review. If approved for funding, the Probation

Department will return to your Board with the required resolution authorizing the grant agreement and the appropriate financial documents for the receipt and expenditure of funds. The Office of Criminal Justice Planning anticipates announcing grant awards before April 1, 1999. There is no increase in net county cost associated with this grant application.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board approve and authorize the County Chief Probation Officer to submit a grant application in the amount of \$140,000 to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the Violence Against Women - Probation Specialized Units Program, as recommended by the Chief Probation Officer.

Sincerely,



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Chief Probation Officer

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RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
Probation Department