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Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
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## REQUEST TO APPLY FOR STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING, SUPPRESSION OF DRUG ABUSE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM GRANT

Dear Members of the Board:

The Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) is soliciting proposals for the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Program Grant to prevent and suppress drug use and sales on and around school campuses. The Sheriffs Office has entered into a community partnership with San Lorenzo Valley High School, Valley Resource Center and TRIAD to qualify as a grant applicant.

The Sheriffs Office will have the primary responsibility for the detection and apprehension of drug trafficking on or near school campuses. These activities will include educating alcohol selling establishments near the high school about laws regarding the sales of alcohol to minors. The principal of San Lorenzo Valley High School will participate in the planning of the suppression program in order to provide necessary information exchange between school staff and the Sheriff's Office School Resource Office (SRO).

San Lorenzo Valley High School will provide a drug prevention class to its students. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) is recommended by OCJP as a proven curriculum. Further, in-service training will be provided for school board members, teachers, school staff, law enforcement and others in recognizing the signs and symptoms of youth substance abuse and the need for a comprehensive drug suppression program.

The Valley Resource Center and TRIAD will provide family oriented activities relating to the development, maintenance and treatment of drug use problems in youth. These activities will include family counseling, parenting classes, family communication and problem solving, and family support groups. Together the members of this collaborative will develop a coordinated intervention that identifies high risk youth and facilitates their referral to an established school or community based intervention and counseling program. A Statement of Intent/Concept Paper for Grant Proposal further describing this proposal is included as Attachment A.

The grant application requests the Board of Supervisors to establish the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Local Advisory Committee. The representatives that have been recommended to staff this committee are listed in Attachment B.

Proposals for this grant program are due on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, no later than 5:00 p.m. The grant duration is twelve (12) months beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000. It is

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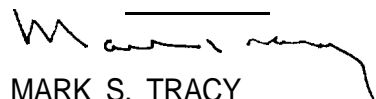
anticipated that Fiscal year 1999-2000 will be the first year of a three year funding cycle. Second and third year funding will be contingent upon passage of the state budget and the successful performance during the prior year.

The grant award amount requested is \$100,000 to finance costs for law enforcement, education, awareness and treatment. No new positions will be hired as a result of this grant. There is no local match requirement for this program.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. APPROVE the Request by the Sheriff to Apply to the California State Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Program Grant; and
2. APPROVE the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Local Advisory Committee as listed in Attachment B.

Sincerely,



MARK S. TRACY  
Sheriff-Coroner

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

Attachments

Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Program Grant application statement of intent.

## STATEMENT OF INTENT/CONCEPT PAPER FOR GRANT PROPOSAL 57

**Funding Source :** California Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP)

**Program:** Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Program (DSP)

**Applicant Agency:** Santa Cruz County Sheriffs Office

**Partner Organizations:** San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District; San Lorenzo Valley Resource Center; Triad Community Services

**Funding Requested:** **\$100,000**

**Deadline for Submission:** April 21, 1999

**Funding Cycle:** 7/1/99 through 6/30/00 (renewable up to a total of three years)

### **Needs Addressed:**

The problem of youth substance abuse in the San Lorenzo Valley remains among the most severe in the county. Eleventh grade students in SLV report higher rates of use of alcohol, marijuana, hallucinogens, and illegal stimulants (Santa Cruz County Youth Survey, 1998). Fourteen percent (14%) report daily marijuana use. This is twice the county average and, in contrast with county rates, this percentage has been steadily rising since the first Youth Survey in 1994. Forty percent (40%) reported having passed out from heavy alcohol use: nearly 30% higher than the county-wide rate.

The problem is compounded by the relative isolation of the SLV community and the physical and cultural barriers to intervention and treatment. The lack of supervision, positive recreation activities and transportation increase the substance abuse risk for Valley teens. Community norms and expectations regarding youth alcohol and other drug use are often unclear or conflicting. Law enforcement has consistently identified the Valley as a significant point of manufacture and distribution of a variety of illegal drugs. Efforts have been made in recent years by every sector of the community to address these conditions and to reduce youth substance abuse in SLV. This proposal represents a collaborative effort to bring these efforts together in a coordinated network of services and activities.

### **Proposal Summary:**

The proposal responds to the six mandatory goals set out in the OCJP Request for Proposals. These goals are as follows:

#### **1. Establish a suppression of drug abuse in schools local advisory committee (LAC).**

The LAC will include representatives from law enforcement, education, non-profit agencies, parents and other community members. A list of initial members is attached. This group will meet quarterly and will be responsible for project oversight, community planning, and coordination of prevention efforts. The LAC will make regular reports as a subcommittee of the SLV Healthy Start Collaborative, and will coordinate with the Children's Network and the Together For Youth/Unidos Para Nuestros Jovenes Coalition. The Valley Resource Center will provide staffing for this LAC.

#### **2. Implement a drug traffic intervention and suppression program.**

The law enforcement component of the project will include funding support to maintain a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) stationed at the San Lorenzo Valley High/Junior High campus. The SRO will provide a range of law enforcement services, from education through patrol and arrests. The SRO will have a special focus on the identification and suppression of drug use and trafficking on or near the school campus. In addition, the project will support a limited amount of officer overtime pay to assist in intervening in unsupervised teen parties where alcohol and other

drugs are being used. The intent is to intervene decisively and to refer youth involved in these parties to counseling and other services available through this grant.

**3. Provide classroom prevention curriculum to students and training in curriculum delivery to teachers and officers.**

The K-12 drug prevention curriculum in place in SLV includes *D.A.R.E.* in all elementary and middle schools, with *Here's Looking At You 2000* and locally-developed lesson plans at the high school level. The proposed project will support expanded training for teachers and other presenters and coordination of existing curricula to increase the number of students who receive routine, effective prevention education. In addition, the project will fund school-wide drug-awareness assemblies for all students at SLV High School.

**4. Implement family-oriented programs.**

The Valley Resource Center will produce a series of parent education and support activities. These will include 4-session class/support groups and major evening programs with expert panelists. Topics will include family management, signs of youth substance abuse, positive communication and limit-setting. A total of 110 parents will participate in these events.

**5. Provide training for school personnel and law enforcement staff in the recognition of drug-related problems.**

The proposed project will support four hours of advanced training for fifty (50) staff from the schools, law enforcement and community groups in the scope and services of the project, recognizing the signs and symptoms of youth substance abuse, and the need for comprehensive drug prevention efforts. Trainings will be coordinated by the Valley Resource Center and will feature local and regional experts in the area of drug prevention and interagency collaboration.

**6. Develop a coordinated intervention system that identifies high-risk youth and facilitates their referral to an established school of community-based intervention and counseling program.**

The proposed project will supplement existing intervention and counseling efforts at SLV High and SLV Jr. High. Services will be provided through the Triad on Campus (TOC) program, with students referred for personal problems related to alcohol and other drug abuse. Funds will increase the number of counseling hours available, and will support enhanced interagency coordination through the SLV Multi-Disciplinary Team. In addition, the project will establish a teen advocate position responsible for outreach to high-risk youth who are unable or unwilling to take advantage of existing counseling and other support services. The intervention component of the project will be linked to all other services so that youth in high-risk situations and environments will be identified and referred to services.

No matching funds are required for this grant program. The budget for the proposed project will be divided among the partner agencies as follows:

Sheriffs Office	<b>\$39,045</b>
Valley Resource Center	23,189
Triad Community Services	<b>24,048</b>
San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District	<b><u>8,956</u></b>
Total Direct Costs	<b>95,238</b>
Indirect Costs (OCJP Formula)	<b><u>4,762</u></b>
Total Funding Requested	\$100,000

**ATTACHMENT B****SUPPRESSION OF DRUG ABUSE IN SCHOOLS LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

## List of Representatives:

- A. Local Law Enforcement - Bruce Simpson, Chief Deputy Operations Bureau
- B. Local Law Enforcement - Bob Payne, Sergeant, Felton Service Center
- C. School District Personnel - Bambi Bovee, Curriculum Director
- D. School Site Staff - Ray Shurson, Assistant Principal, SLVHS, Michelle McKinny, Co-Principal, SLV Jr. High, Eddie Bautista, SLVHS Healthy Start Advocate
- E. Parents - Karen Chilcott and Rose Anderson
- F. Students - 2 from High School and 2 from Jr. High School
- G. School Resource Officer - Steve Fitzgerald, Deputy Sheriff
- H. County Drug Program Administrator - Bill Manov, Director Drug & Alcohol Programs
- I. Drug Prevention program - Alan Sherer, Executive Director, Triad Community Services
- J. Prevention Coordinator for Valley Resource Center - Judy Darnell