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PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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November 5, 1999

Agenda: November 16, 1999

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Approve Probation Department Participation in Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance Inc. Grant Application to Office of Criminal Justice Planning; Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to Submit Required Letter of Denial

Dear Board Members:

The Probation Department is requesting authorization for participation in a new grant opportunity through the Office of Criminal Justice Planning by Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Inc.

The California Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) recently released a number of grant opportunities, among which is a youthful offender diversion project designed to impact disproportionate minority confinement. Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Inc. (PVPSA), a dedicated, non-profit, student assistance agency which provides services to the students of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, is applying for a \$200,000 per year, 3-year grant from OCJP.

The Probation Department is hereby requesting your Board's authorization to participate in the PVPSA grant project application.

Currently, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office is the only law enforcement jurisdiction in the County which does not have a diversion project. The PVPSA grant project would fund one full-time, bilingual Deputy Probation Officer II at top salary step to provide diversion services for first offenders living within the unincorporated area of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. The Probation Officer would be housed at the Sheriff's sub-station in Freedom, where he/she could screen all referrals and see all first offenders in person. High risk first offenders would receive Probation case management, as well as a wide array of counseling and intervention services provided by staff from PVPSA. The project funds would also include reimbursement for indirect costs, mileage and travel, equipment, and training funds for the Probation Department. There is no cash match requirement.

Additionally, new Federal guidelines require the submission of a "letter of denial" from a unit of local government signifying that County funds have not been available to fund a youthful offender diversion project in the target area. We are therefore requesting that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit the attached "letter of denial", which is a technical requirement of the grant application.

If funded, the Probation Department will return to your Board for authorization of the position and acceptance of the revenue. The grant submission is due to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning on November 23, 1999. When completed, it will be on file with the Clerk of the Board for review. An announcement regarding funding is expected in December, 1999. The Project, if selected, would begin February 1, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Probation Department to participate in the **Pajaro** Valley Prevention and Student Assistance Inc. application to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning; and
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit a required Letter of Denial to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

Sincerely,


JOHN P. RHOADS
Chief Probation Officer

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Attachments: Letter of Denial

RECOMMENDED:


SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
Probation Department



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Attachment to November 16, 1999
Board Letter

November 5, 1999

Office of Criminal Justice Planning
1130 K Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Denial
Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance Grant Proposal
Community Prevention Program

To Whom It May Concern:

On November 16, 1999, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors authorized the undersigned to complete and forward to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning this Letter of Denial, as required.

The County of Santa Cruz has not had sufficient resources available to fund a youthful offender diversion project in the target area of the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County encompassed by the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. Such a project has been identified through a local planning process as a needed service, but resources were not identified to fund such a program.

Sincerely,

John P. Rhoads
Chief Probation Department

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