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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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January 25, 2000

AGENDA: February 8, 2000

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

**SUBJECT: Application for Drug Court Funding**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is to request your Board's approval for the Health Services Agency (HSA) Alcohol and Drug Program to submit an application to the Federal Office of Justice Programs for \$300,000 over two years to enhance Drug Court services. Authorization is also requested for the County Administrative Officer to sign the attached letter designating the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program as the official applicant for the funds.

The existing Drug Court began on January 22, 1999 with a capacity for 95 participants in the year-long, intensive outpatient program. Participants are drug and alcohol tested frequently, and make frequent appearances before the Drug Court judge where treatment progress, drug and alcohol test results, and progress in obtaining employment, clean and sober housing and other issues are reviewed. The alcohol and drug treatment, which is provided by the ALTO Counseling Center, is closely coordinated with the courts to make maximum use of the leverage of the court to encourage participation in treatment.

The Drug Court is overseen by the Drug Court Steering Committee, which is comprised of representatives of the Courts, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Sheriff, County Administrative Office, Criminal Justice Council, and the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program. The Drug Court Steering Committee meets monthly to review progress in implementing the Drug Court program and to resolve policy issues that arise during the day-to-day operation of the Drug Court. The Steering Committee was responsible for planning the current Drug Court program and overseeing the development of three prior grants to support its operation.

This grant application is in the process of development, and is due to the Office of Justice Programs on February 18, 2000. The Drug Court Steering Committee has discussed unmet needs in the existing Drug Court, including the need for additional case management services, subsidized clean and sober housing, job development, childcare, and aftercare for program graduates. The

Steering Committee will continue to meet to consider unmet needs and develop a detailed proposal to enhance Drug Court services.

The HSA Alcohol and Drug Program is administering the three existing grants supporting the Drug Court on behalf of the Courts and the Drug Court Steering Committee. For the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program to serve as the applicant for the proposed Drug Court grant, the Office of Justice Programs requires the County Administrative Officer to submit a letter authorizing the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program as the County's official applicant.

Grant award announcements are anticipated by July 1, 2000 and, if awarded, funding is anticipated to begin by September 1, 2000. This grant will not result in any new net County cost. Support for administrative costs associated with the program will be included in the grant application.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:


1. Authorize the Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program to submit -a proposal to the Federal Office of Justice Programs for \$300,000 over a two-year period to support enhancement of the Drug Court program; and
2. Authorize the County Administrative Officer to sign the attached letter designating the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program as the official applicant for the funds.

Sincerely,



Rama Khalsa, Ph.D.  
Health Services Agency Administrator

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer  
Auditor Controller  
County Counsel  
HSA Administration  
Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator  
Executive Officer of the Court  
District Attorney  
Public Defender  
Probation Department  
Sheriff



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## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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SUSAN A. MAURIELLO, J.D., COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

February 18, 2000

Marilyn Roberts  
Director, Drug Court Program Office  
810 Seventh Street, N.W., Eighth Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20531

Re: Single Jurisdiction Drug Court Enhancement Grant #SL000392

Dear Ms. Roberts:

As the County Administrative Officer for the County of Santa Cruz, California, on behalf of the County of Santa Cruz, I hereby authorize the Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program as the official representative of the County of Santa Cruz authorized to apply to undertake a drug court program or project in whole or in part. This designation is made pursuant to the authority conferred upon me by Section 901 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, 42 USC 3791 (c), and is effective as of February 18, 2000.

Any additional correspondence concerning this drug court grant should be directed to the Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program. The appropriate contact person at that agency is Bill Manov, Ph.D., who can be reached at (831) 454-4050.

Sincerely,

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO  
County Administrative Officer

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