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## County of Santa Cruz

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Agenda: June 20, 2000

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

## APPLICATION - STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Dear Members of the Board:

The U.S. Department of Justice, through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), recently announced the availability of funding through the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for Fiscal Year 2000. As you are aware from past applications to this program by the Sheriff's Office, these federal funds are available to states and localities as reimbursements for costs associated with the incarceration of certain criminal aliens who have been convicted of a felony or two misdemeanor offenses.

It is difficult at this time to estimate the amount of FY 2000 reimbursements from this program due to an unknown number of inmates deemed eligible by the Justice Department. Last year's reimbursement to Santa Cruz County was \$448,648. This amount has been budgeted in the Detention Bureau's proposed fiscal year 2000/01 budget. The application for FY 2000 must be submitted via the U.S. Department of Justice web site by July 14, 2000.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

- 1. AUTHORIZE the Sheriff-Coroner to apply for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program via the web site provided by the U.S. Department of Justice; and,
- 2. AUTHORIZE the County Administrative Officer to designate Sheriff-Coroner Mark S. Tracy as the "authorized applicant" from the SCAAP funds.

Sincerely,

MARK s. TRACY

Sheriff-Coroner

Recommended:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO County Administrative Officer