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August 7, 2000

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER CRIME REDUCTION PLANNING GRANT

Dear Members of the Board:

The State Board of Corrections (BOC) has announced that State **funds** of \$2 million dollars have been allocated in the Fiscal Year 2000/2001 State Budget Act for Planning Grants for counties to develop a Local Plan to reduce crime and criminal justice costs related to Mentally Ill Offenders. This is the second round of Planning Grant monies offered by the State Board of Corrections. The Local Plans are developed in conjunction with a local Strategy Committee. The local Strategy Committee members are listed in the Planning Grant application on file with the Clerk of the Board. The Sheriff requests the Board authorize him to submit an application to the Board of Corrections for funds for this year's Planning Grant. The Planning Grant application is due back to the Board of Corrections by August 21, 2000.

The BOC has set the maximum award of the planning grant funds for Santa Cruz County at \$3 1,100. These **funds** will be awarded on a non-competitive basis following approval of the application. The grant award would be primarily used for-the costs of a professional consultant to assist in development and refinement of our existing Local Plan for the treatment of mentally ill offenders in jail and the community; develop a response for a Demonstration grant RFP; county **staff costs**; travel and per diem expenses; and administrative overhead. Counties are not required to provide a local match for the planning grant.

The Sheriffs **Office** received a Planning Grant in February, 1999, to develop an initial Local Plan and form a Strategy Committee. A major goal of the Local Plan is to identify strengths and needs regarding local services available to mentally ill offenders. Those planning grant monies facilitated the development of a comprehensive Demonstration Grant application resulting in the award of a

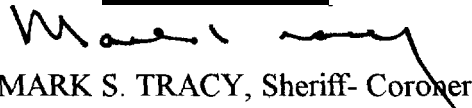
Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Demonstration Grant to Santa Cruz County (one of seven counties that received such an award from the Board of Corrections). During the current grant process, the Strategy Committee and grant team members have identified issues that need re-evaluation and analysis, including better integration of law enforcement in the intervention process with this group of offenders and prevention assessment, with planning grant funds.

The Local Plan will serve as the basis for developing another demonstration project proposal. The BOC will award approximately \$46,500,000 to counties on a competitive basis for implementation of a demonstration grant project based on the needs identified in the Local Plan (required for Demonstration Grant eligibility). It is the intent of the Strategy Committee to update and refine the Local Plan and enhance the current **MIOCR** grant project through an award in this round of State funding. Due to time deadlines for the grant application submittal, we will be coming back to the Board of Supervisors for subsequent adoption of a resolution authorizing the Sheriff-Coroner to continue to Chair the MIOCR Strategy Committee, appoint the listed members again as Strategy Committee members, and agree to adhere to the requirements and conditions specified by the Board of Corrections in this grant process.

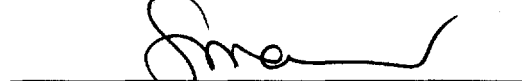
It is therefore RECOMMENDED that the Board:

1. Authorize the Sheriff- Coroner to submit an application to the Board of Corrections for a Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Planning Grant in maximum amount of \$3 1,100.

Sincerely,


MARK S. TRACY, Sheriff- Coroner

RECOMMENDED:


SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

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Attachments

cc: Sheriff- Coroner
CAO
Mental Health