

# County of Santa Cruz

### HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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#### AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

September 12, 2000

AGENDA: September 26, 2000

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

SUBJECT: Approve Fixed Assets Purchase and Related Budget Action for Alcohol and Drug Program

Dear Board Members:

This letter is to request your Board's approval of a \$17,300 fixed assets purchase of five "passive alcohol sensor" (PAS) devices funded by a State Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant, and approval of a related revision in the Health Services Agency (HSA) Alcohol and Drug Program budget.

PAS devices measure blood alcohol levels through submission of breath samples. This request is to purchase five PAS devices at an approximate cost of \$3,460 each. These purchases are provided for in an OTS grant approved by your Board on October 20, 1998. The HSA Alcohol and Drug Ftogram serves as the lead agency for the OTS grant, which provides funding for HSA and local law enforcement agencies for driving under the influence prevention and enforcement. The PAS devices will be placed in patrol cars of five local law enforcement agencies, including the County Sheriff's Department, Scotts Valley Police Department, City of Santa Cruz Police Department, Capitola Police Department, and the UCSC Police Department. These devices will help increase local law enforcement's ability to gauge the blood alcohol level of DUI suspects while gathering evidence that can later be used at trial.

Funding for the PAS devices was originally provided for in the 199899 budget. However, it took considerable time for the State to issue standards for the PAS devices and for the manufacturer to redesign the product to meet the standards. Consequently, the \$11,875 of OTS funds budgeted for PAS devices were rolled over to the 2000-01 fiscal year. As a result of the required redesign, the price of the PAS devices increased from the original estimate. To accommodate the increased cost, \$5,425 of unexpended OTS funds budgeted for law enforcement agency subcontracts and other services and supplies are proposed to be shifted from the Services and Supplies category of the HSA Alcohol and Drug Program budget over to the Fixed Assets category. Local law

enforcement agencies have been consulted about this shift of funds. No new County funds are requested and there is no increase in net County cost as a result of these purchases.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

- 1. Approve the transfer of \$5,425 of appropriations from Services and Supplies to Fixed Assets in the Health Services Agency Alcohol and Drug Program budget (AUD 74 attached); and
- 2. Approve the fixed assets purchase of five "passive alcohol sensor" devices in the approximate amount of \$3,460 each.

Sincerely,

Health Services Agency

**RECOMMENDED:** 

Susan A. Mauriello

County Administrative Officer

County Administrative Officer CC:

> Auditor Controller County Counsel

**HSA** Administration

Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator

### **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

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