



County of Santa Cruz

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April 19, 2001

AGENDA: May 1, 2001

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Santa Cruz County
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Re: Approval to Submit a Grant Application

Dear Members of the Board:

The Health Services Agency/Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, is requesting approval to submit a grant application to the State Department of Mental Health. The maximum available funding amount under the grant is \$1 ,000,000.00 per year for three years. The application was due April 20, 2001 and has been submitted subject to your Board approval.

The California Department of Mental Health has issued a Request for Applications for innovations in mobile crisis response. These programs are intended to: 1) provide collaborative crisis services to adults and youth in mental health crisis where law enforcement is currently the primary first responder; 2) help reduce the time that police spend on handling mental health related calls; 3) empower police officers who are members of the crisis teams to handle mental health related calls in a more consumer friendly manner; and 4) reduce the time needed to accomplish an involuntary detention (5150) when essential. Additionally it is intended that the crisis stabilization response will divert this population from jail and inpatient services unless absolutely necessary.

Currently Santa Cruz County has limited capacity integrated mobile response and could benefit greatly from new grant funds. There are no requirements for local match with this grant and if awarded there would be no increase in county costs.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Authorize the Health Services Agency Administrator to apply for the application in the

maximum amount under the grant of \$1 ,000,000.00 per year for three years (application to be placed on file with the Clerk of the Board on or after April 24, 2001).

Sincerely,

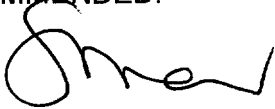


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Health Services Agency Administrator

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Attachments: Request for Application

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
HSA Administration
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Administration