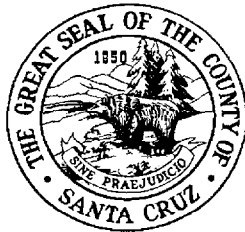


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Board of Supervisors  
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**APPLICATION - STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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 2001. 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 booked on or convicted of a felony or two misdemeanor offenses.

It is difficult at this time to estimate the amount of FY 2001 reimbursements from this program. The Sheriff's Office has been awarded substantial financial assistance for the costs associated with the incarceration of criminal aliens in the past few years - approximately \$450,000 per year in Fiscal Years 1997-98 (received 5/99) and 1998-99 (received 7/99). In FY 1998-99 (received in 2000), the award was reduced to \$12,325. This was due to several reasons. Staff was not aware of a new category of inmate, "in custody for 72 hours", that now qualifies for assistance and as a result did not apply for associated funding. Additionally, with the recent appearance of information specific to this grant included on BJA's web site, competition for these limited funds greatly increased in the past year. After evaluating the potential number of inmates who now meet funding criteria and in light of the more competitive funding environment, the Detention Bureau is estimating an award of \$300,000 in FY 2001-02. The application for FY 2001 must be submitted via the U.S. Department of Justice web site by July 14, 2001.

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.**

Very truly yours,



**Mark S. Tracy**  
**Sheriff-Coroner**

**RECOMMENDED:**



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**SUSAN A. MAURIELLO**  
**County Administrative Officer**

**cc: CAO**  
**Auditor-Controller**