



County of Santa Cruz

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August 22, 2002

Agenda: September 10, 2002

Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
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ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT RE-APPLICATION TO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN - PROBATION SPECIALIZED UNITS PROGRAM

Dear Board Members:

The ~~Office~~ of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) is soliciting proposals from qualified applicants to enhance or create specialized probation units to handle offenders of violent crimes against women, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking. It is anticipated that **OCJP** will select approximately six projects for funding, with a total of **\$660,000** available statewide. Projects selected for award may be funded for a three year period, beginning October 1, 2002. The maximum allowable grant award to Santa Cruz County is \$100,000, with a required in-kind match of **\$33,333**, for a total budget of **\$133,333**. Santa Cruz County was previously awarded a three year grant from OCJP for this purpose in **FY 1998-99**, and is seeking continuation funding for an additional three years.

One of the provisions of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of **1994** was the creation of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), (Title IV, Section **40121**) which established the Law Enforcement and Prosecution Grant Program, renamed the STOP Grant Program. The purpose of the STOP Grant Program is to assist state and local governments in developing and strengthening effective law enforcement strategies to combat violent crimes against women, and it requires that a priority be given to areas within the state of varying geographic size, with the greatest showing of need. This grant re-application seeks funding through the STOP Grant Program.

The purpose of the Probation Specialized Unit program is to enhance ~~or~~ create specialized units in Probation Departments in California to intensively supervise small caseloads of offenders of violent crimes against women that include one or more of the following: sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking. The proposed plan for Santa Cruz County would provide funding for a Deputy Probation Officer and a Probation Aide to continue with specialized, intensively supervised caseloads to concentrate on those offenders in South County. The Probation staff will work closely with law enforcement, the courts, victim witness advocates, and Child Protective Services, and will focus on those families with children in the home.

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Deadline for submission of the application for funding is September 10, 2002. A copy of the complete application is on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review. If approved for funding, the Probation Department will return to your Board with the required financial documents for the receipt and expenditure of funds.

The ~~office~~ of Criminal Justice Planning anticipates announcing grant awards before October 1, 2002. There is no increase in net county cost associated with this grant application.

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the attached resolution approving and authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to submit a grant application in the amount of \$133,333 to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the Violence Against Women - Probation Specialized Units Program.

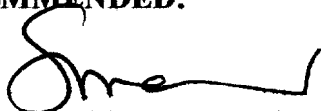
Sincerely,



JUDITH A. COX
Chief Probation Officer

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RECOMMENDED:



SUSAN A. MAURIELLO
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
Probation Department

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor
Duly seconded **by** Supervisor
The following resolution **is** adopted:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
PLANNING FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN-PROBATION SPECIALIZED UNIT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Santa **Cruz** County and the Santa **Cruz** County Probation Department desires to undertake a certain project designated the Santa **Cruz** County Probation Specialized Unit - Domestic Violence, to be funded in part **from** funds made available through the Violence Against Women Act, STOP Grant Program administered by the Office of **Criminal** Justice Planning (hereafter referred to as **OCJP**).

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLVES AND ORDERS that the Chief Probation Officer of the County of **Santa Cruz** is authorized, on its behalf to submit an application for state funds for the Santa **Cruz** County Probation Specialized Unit - Domestic Violence Program to the Governor's Office of **Criminal** Justice Planning and is authorized to execute on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of **Santa Cruz** County a Grant Award Agreement, including any extensions or amendments thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant agrees to provide **all** matching funds required for said project (including **any** amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of **OCJP** and that the required match will be appropriated **as** required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that **grant** funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by **this body**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa **Cruz**, State of **California**, this _____ day of _____, 2002, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS
NOES: SUPERVISORS
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

JANET K. BEAUTZ, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____

County Counsel