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August 27, 2002

Agenda: September 10, 2002

Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street, Room 500  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

RE: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE  
OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING, SUPPRESSION OF DRUG  
ABUSE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS

Dear Members of the Board:

The State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) is soliciting proposals for the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Program Grant to prevent and suppress drug use and sales on and around school campuses. As your Board will recall, the Sheriffs Office applied for and received grant funding for this program in the San Lorenzo Valley School District for three years beginning in 1999 and ending June 30, 2002. This letter is to provide background information and request approval to apply once again to the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Program Grant to continue this successful program.

In 1999, your Board approved, as part of the grant application, the Sheriffs Office request to enter into a community partnership with San Lorenzo Valley Jr. High and High School, Mountain Community Resource Center and Triad Counseling to address youth substance abuse in the San Lorenzo Valley with a major focus on high school teens. The initial one-year grant was extended with your Board's approval for two additional years. We recently completed the final year of that grant award and have received notice that we will need to submit a new application to the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning to continue funding for this important program.

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As part of this grant application, the Sheriffs ~~Office~~ will be assigned as the lead agency and have the overall administrative and fiscal responsibilities, as well as having the primary responsibility for the detection and apprehension of drug trafficking on or near the campus of the San Lorenzo Valley High School. The grant provides partial funding for the continued assignment of a deputy sheriff as a school resource officer at the high school, along with the overtime costs associated with participating in special youth events.

The San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District component of the grant provides drug abuse curriculum development and training to junior high and high school teachers and staff. The development and training received as part of this program assists staff in the identification and referral of high-risk youth to existing counseling and treatment services.

The Mountain Community Resource Center and Triad Counseling components of the grant provide family oriented activities related to the development, maintenance and treatment of drug use problems in youth. These activities include family counseling, parenting classes, family communication and problem solving, and family support groups. Together the two agencies provide a collaborative effort to coordinate intervention with high-risk youth and facilitate referral to established school or community based counseling programs.

The grant proposal requests the Board of Supervisors to establish the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Advisory Committee. The representatives that have been recommended to staff this committee are listed as part of the attached grant application.

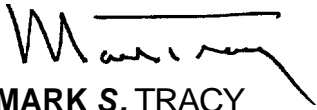
Proposals for this grant program are due on September **16, 2002**. The grant award period for this program will be a 12-month cycle beginning October **1,2002** and ending September **30,2003**.

The grant amount requested is **\$106,087** to finance costs for law enforcement, education, awareness and treatment. No new positions will be hired as a result of this grant, and there is no local match requirement for this program.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

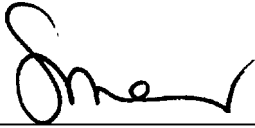
- 1) Approve the grant application; and
- 2) Authorize the Sheriff-Coroner and Chairperson of the Board to sign and submit the application to the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the Suppression of Drug Abuse in **Schools** Program Grant in the amount of \$106,087.

Very truly yours,



**MARK S. TRACY**  
Sheriff-Coroner

RECOMMENDED:



Susan A. Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

cc: Auditor Controller  
Sheriff-Coroner – Attn: Susan