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TO: **Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council**

FROM: **Sheila Mitchell**
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DATE: **March 3, 2005**

SUBJECT: **FY 2005 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Budget**

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Forward to the Board of Supervisors a recommendation to:

1. Approve the proposed FY 2006 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) budget.

2. Approve delegation of authority to the Chief Probation Officer or designee to submit the JABG grant application and execute the standard grant agreement with the Board of Corrections, including contracts and any documents necessary to extend or amend the grant award agreement that have no fiscal implications, subject to review and approval as to form and legality by County Counsel, and approval by the Office of the County Executive.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional general fund costs are associated with the approval of the recommended action. The approximate $207,249 in JABG revenue and expenditures is incorporated in the FY 2006 Proposed Budget. The funding amount was reduced from the last fiscal year by approximately $336,750.

The non-competitive JABG grant has been a diminishing but stable funding source that will be accepting its seventh consecutive year of applications.

CONTRACT HISTORY

All contracts required in implementing FY 2006 JABG program components will be processed according to established Board of Supervisors policies and procedures.

BACKGROUND

Since 1999, the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program, formerly known as Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG), has provided federal grant funds to promote greater

accountability of juvenile offenders in the juvenile justice system. In January 1999, the Juvenile Accountability Improvement Program was developed and subsequently approved by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the Board of Supervisors, and the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning. From 2000 through 2004, the second through sixth grant requests were similarly approved. Santa Clara County and local government will combine resources to establish and jointly implement this seventh proposal. It is recommended that the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) approve the current Request for Application and appoint the Chief Probation Officer as Project Director. This action will authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit the application and any other amendments or documents necessary to carry out the grant agreement to the Board of Corrections, and to execute the grant in Santa Clara County with Board of Supervisors approval.

The Probation Department submits Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Progress Reports to the Board of Corrections. These progress reports include both a narrative and statistical evaluation of program components. The overall project goal is to implement effective early intervention strategies and accountability measures. These proactive strategies and measures are intended to meet specific objectives within each program component. The objective in each component area is to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their delinquent behavior and to help minimize juvenile offender entry or further penetration into the juvenile justice system. The progress reports detail how each component facilitates the project goal and component objectives.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The substantial projected allocation reduction will result in a significant decrease in services. The Probation Department recommendation for the FY2006 expenditure plan is to delete the Truancy and San José Police Department Deputy Probation Officers, the Community Prosecutor and the Geo-Mapping allocation. The community based organizations providing substance abuse counseling at the ranches and mentoring for juvenile treatment court would remain fully funded. The expenditure plan is contingent upon two factors, the actual FY2006 funding amount and the participation by the unit of local government receiving approximately $23,027 in JABG funding. The Request for Application is expected to be released in March 2005 where the actual amounts will be determined. The final funding amount will be shared by the two services based on a percent allocation determined by the FY2005 funding level.

This recommendation supports the goals and objectives of the grant by promoting greater accountability of juvenile offenders in the juvenile justice system. The recommendation also promotes program sustainability to maximize the effectiveness of the services. The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant would consist of the following components:

Substance Abuse Treatment and Counseling Program $140,802.20

The objective of the Substance Abuse Treatment and Counseling program is to provide comprehensive substance abuse counseling and treatment to minors while they are in residence at one of Santa Clara County's two Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities. The Substance Abuse Treatment Counseling program was enhanced through funding, which resulted in the contracting additional substance abuse counselors at the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities. This program enhancement has effectively reduced the backlog of minors waiting for enrollment into substance abuse treatment to zero. This service is provided by Pathway, Inc., a community-based organization.

Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Mentoring Program **$70, 466.80**
The objective of the Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Mentoring program is to enhance mentoring as a rehabilitative component of Santa Clara County's Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. The Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Mentoring program was established through JABG funding, which resulted in the contract to provide a twelve-month mentoring services program for 26 juvenile offenders. The contract is administered through the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office and Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc., a community-based organization.

The following spreadsheet summarizes JABG distributions:

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funding

	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06 Plan*	FY06 Plan**
Truancy DPO	$70,068	$58,543	$108,822	$0	$0
RJ DPO	$70,068	$58,543	$0	$0	$0
PCC	$70,848	$59,195	$0	$0	$0
Community Prosecutor	$183,000	$152,900	$100,000	$0	$0
SJPD DPO	$92,418	$77,212	$119,877	$0	$0
RJ YIW	$100,000	$83,552	$0	$0	$0
Ranch Substance Abuse	$141,347	$118,098	$134,129	$136,782.20	$121,342.32
JTC Mentoring	$69,000	$57,561	$69,100	$70,466.80	$62,509.68
Geo-Mapping	$59,985	$50,119	$35,098	$0	$0
Admin Costs	$28,367	$23,700	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	$885,101	$739,423	$567,026	$207,249.00	$183,852.00

*With local government allocation
*Without local government allocation

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION
Application for the FY 2006 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant cannot proceed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL
With the approval from the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, the JABG application will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final review and approval.