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TO: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

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DATE: April 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2012-2013 (FY13) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Forward to the Board of Supervisors a recommendation to:

1. Approve the proposed FY13 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) budget.

2. Adopt resolution of the Board of Supervisor of the County of Santa Clara affirming membership of the Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, delegating authority to the Chief Probation Officer, or designee, to submit Santa Clara County's Grant Application to the State Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) for FY13, and sign the Grant Agreement with the CSA, including any amendments thereof through June 30, 2013.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No additional General Fund costs are associated with the approval of the recommended action. The $182,426 in JABG revenue and expenditures are incorporated in the FY13 Recommended Budget. In FY12, Santa Clara County received an allocation of $232,022; this is $49,596 higher than FY13. The non-competitive JABG grant has been a stable funding source that is currently accepting its eleventh consecutive year of applications. State funding for the grant is expected to continue beyond FY13.

Board of Supervisors: Mike Wasserman, George Shirakawa, Dave Cortese, Ken Yeager, Liz Kniss
County Executive: Jeffrey V. Smith

Funding Source	Amount
JABG – Santa Clara County Allotment	$162,953
JABG – City of San Jose Allotment	$19,473
Probation Department 10% Cash Match	$20,270
Total	**$202,696**

CONTRACT HISTORY

All contracts required to implement FY13 JABG program components will be procured according to established policies and procedures.

BACKGROUND/REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Since 1999, the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG) now referred to as Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program 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 (JJCC), the Board of Supervisors, and the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning. From 2000 through 2012, the second through twelfth grant requests were similarly approved. It is recommended that the JJCC approve the current JABG Request for Application and appoint the Chief Probation Officer as JABG 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 CSA and to execute the JABG grant in Santa Clara County with the Board of Supervisors approval.

The Probation Department submits quarterly JABG progress reports to the CSA. These progress reports include both a narrative and statistical evaluation of the JABG program components. The JABG Program provides funds to states and units of local government to enhance their efforts to combat serious and violent juvenile crime through accountability-based reforms. Accountability in juvenile justice means assuring that, as a result of their wrongdoing, juvenile offenders face consequences that make them aware of and answerable for the loss, damage, or injury perpetrated upon the victim. The objective of each component 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.

One time increase in funding in FY 2012 was used to provide services for dually diagnosed youth in Aftercare. The program has struggled to operate at capacity. However, the reduction in JABG combined with the fact that these youth will be served through the new Reentry Assistance Program, indicates a need for the elimination of the program through JABG funding.

***Note**: The expenditure plan listed below is contingent upon the County receiving the projected JABG allocation and the City of San Jose waiving its funding allocation to the County.*

Based on the projected FY13 funding, the Probation Department recommends the following expenditure plan:

Substance Abuse Treatment Program **$110,649**

The objective of the Substance Abuse Treatment 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 JABG funding, which resulted in contracting additional substance abuse counselors at the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities.

The Substance Abuse Treatment Program is funded using blended JABG, Reentry Grant and Juvenile Probation Camp Funds - The value of the FY12 Agreement was $308,601. This Agreement provides for four full-time staff to provide substance abuse services to youth residing and successfully exiting the Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities.

Juvenile Treatment Court Mentoring Program **$92,047**

The objective of the Santa Clara County's Juvenile Treatment Court (JTC) Mentoring program is to use mentoring as a rehabilitative component of the JTC. The JTC Mentoring program was established through JABG funding, which resulted in the contracting for a twelve-month mentoring program that services for 26 juvenile offenders.

The JTC Mentoring Program is funded using JABG funds and matched funds from the provider. The total number of clients served using these funds is 26, with 17 of these clients being directly funded using JABG funds.

Summary

The table below summarizes JABG distributions from FY10 through FY 13 which include the City of San Jose waiver and the Probation 10% cash match.

	FY10 Plan	FY11 Plan	FY12 Plan	FY13 Plan
Ranch Substance Abuse	$97,440	$116,590	$174,165	$110,649
Juvenile Treatment Court Mentoring Program	$81,059	$81,059	$81,059	$92,047
TOTAL	**$178,499**	**$197,649**	**$255,224**	**$202,696**

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The FY13 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant application cannot proceed.

NEXT STEPS

With the approval from the JJCC, the JABG application will be sent along with the Board Resolution to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval at its May 22, 2012 meeting.