



**Probation Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: September 15, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
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SUBJECT: Approve a grant award agreement with the California Office of Traffic Safety

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a grant award agreement with the California Office of Traffic Safety for Intensive Probation Supervision for High Risk Felony and Repeat Driving Under the Influence Offenders to accept grant funding in the amount of \$109,385 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign three (3) copies of the agreement.

SUMMARY:

On an annual basis since 2009, the Probation Department has successfully applied for and received funding from the competitive California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Grant Program. This grant program has been made possible with a yearly federal appropriation. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of DUI-related traffic injuries, fatalities and recidivism. This agreement provides the funds for one (1) Deputy Probation Officer for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

DUI-related collisions, injuries, and fatalities are an unfortunate prevailing fact in Tulare County. In 2017, Tulare County ranked 36th out of 58 counties in the OTS rankings for alcohol-related collisions in which there were victims killed or injured. When broken down by age group, Tulare County ranked 15th out of 58 for collisions involving a driver who was under the age of 21 who had been drinking and 28th out of 58 counties for collisions involving a driver aged 21 – 34 who had been drinking.

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This one-year grant for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 will continue to fund one (1) existing Deputy Probation Officer position dedicated to carrying a specialized supervision caseload of convicted high-risk, felony, and repeat DUI offenders. These offenders will be held accountable through intensive supervision to ensure compliance with court-ordered conditions of probation and to prevent re-arrest on new DUI charges. Intensive probation supervision of these offenders should help reduce the number of DUI collisions.

The following terms deviate substantively from the standard County boilerplate: 1) The Agreement is contingent on the availability of funds to the State; 2) If invoices are not properly and timely submitted to the State, the State may not only suspend this grant, but deny future grant funding to the County; 3) The Agreement allows either party to terminate the agreement without cause by giving the other party 30 days' written notice; however, the State can terminate the Agreement immediately for cause; 4) The County is required to indemnify and defend the State, but the State is not required to indemnify or defend the County; 5) The County can only assign the Agreement if OTS consents in the form of a written amendment to the Agreement. 6) The County signs the Agreement first.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The agreement with the California Office of Traffic Safety for Intensive Probation Supervision of High-Risk Felony and Repeat Driving Under the influence Offenders to accept grant funding in the amount of \$109,385 for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The grant funding is included in the Probation Department's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 operational budget. There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic business plan includes provision for the safety and security of the public specifically the promotion of crime prevention by addressing contributors to crime. The Tulare County Probation Department provides targeted intervention services to divert offenders from further incursion into the justice system, thus promoting safer communities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Michelle Bonwell
Chief Probation Officer

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Agreement

