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PROBATION DEPARTMENT

AGENDA ITEM

Item Number:

Agenda Date: March 28, 2006

Subject: (1) Modification of the 2005/2006 Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Agency 280 budget; and (2) purchase a fixed asset (pick-up truck) to be utilized by the JJCPA Probation staff to transport paint, supplies and equipment to community service clean-up sites.

Request: (1) That the Board of Supervisors authorize and approve adjustments to the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Juvenile JJCPA Agency 280 Probation and Health & Human Services Agency budgets as summarized on attached AUD 308 budget adjustment forms; and (2) Approval and authorization of the purchase of a fixed asset - pick-up truck – for the Probation Department JJCPA Program.

Summary: The Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, administered by the California Corrections Standards Authority, provides state funding each year to counties for programs which support a wide array of juvenile justice services and support. Tulare County currently funds the Restorative Justice Project which is a partnership between the Probation Department, District Attorney's Office, Health & Human Services Agency, Community Services & Employment Training, Inc. (C-SET) as well as Aftercare services for youth returning to their communities after a period of incarceration.

The use of community member volunteers sitting as Neighborhood Accountability Boards offering community-based sanctioning promotes accountability. NAB Boards work with offending youth, their parents, victims and youth service providers. Together, the NABs negotiate a contract which describes how the youth will make amends for their offense. NABs have the authority to "sentence" juvenile offenders to community services projects, write letters of apology, require school attendance and compliance with curfews. This is a voluntary program, however if youth complete the NAB contract, they avoid entering the formal juvenile justice system.

Currently JJCPA funding is utilized to fund the following resources/positions to support overall project goals:

- One Supervising Probation Officer and five Probation Officers for NAB and Aftercare caseload.
- One Deputy District Attorney and clerical position to support community-based prosecution.
- Three full-time Social Workers and one .50 FTE Supervisor to support NAB caseload.
- Three full-time Youth Development Specialists from C-SET, Inc. to support NAB project.
- Two Youth Service Centers operated by C-SET, Inc.

The following statistics reflect the time period from January, 2002 to June 30, 2005:

- 1,205 youth have been placed on NAB contracts
- 583 youth have completed NAB contracts
- 144 youth are in the process of completing their contracts
- 881 children have utilized the after school tutoring programs
- 1,055 children have utilized the Pixley and Goshen Youth Service Centers

Thus far the program has been successful. Over 100 residents have volunteered, passed background investigations, attended specialized training sessions and are NAB Board members. Our outreach efforts to draw interested community members have been outstanding. NAB Boards have now expanded to include Visalia, Goshen, Tulare, greater Porterville and Earlimart. The communities of Farmersville and Ivanhoe are currently working toward developing NAB's in their areas. A large part of community restoration is achieved through community services hours assigned to NAB youth and is usually completed via Probation-supervised community clean-up activities. Generally these activities include graffiti removal, litter pick up and weed abatement. The Probation Department has worked with the Purchasing Agent and Tulare County Health & Human Services, Environmental Health, to locate and recycle unused paint products at little to no cost to the program. The Probation Department needs a ½ ton pick-up truck to transport paint, equipment and other clean-up supplies to NAB worksites.

Agency 280 funding is fluid and may increase according to need and the amount of interest earned over the course of the budget year. Budget adjustments are an annual process in order to give all agencies an opportunity to reallocate funds more in line with expenditures and thereby ensure that all funds are fully expended by June 30 in accordance with law. The Probation Department seeks to purchase a pick-up truck, in accordance with Purchasing guidelines, as well as realign funds to match expenditures. The Health and Human Services Agency will, via this budget adjustment, decrease their budget due to a long-term employee absence and transfer those savings into the Probation Department budget for the purchase of the pick-up truck and clean-up supplies. Failure to expend all of the funding results in a reversion of unspent dollars to the State as well as places the following year's entire allocation, including interest, at risk of reversion.


Financing: The 2005/2006 JJCPA Agency 280 budget is \$1,123,436. The purchase price of the requested pick-up truck is \$16,800. There will be no net county cost associated with this request as Agency 280 fully reimburses the county for all program expenditures.

Alternatives: Direct staff to take other action.

Involvement of Other County Departments: Probation and the Health & Human Services Agency have prepared the appropriate budget modification forms in compliance with county policy. The fixed asset will be purchased in compliance with county purchasing guidelines.

Signature Requirements: Not required.

Administrative Sign-off:



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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**In the Matter of Modification of the)
FY 2005/2006 Juvenile Justice Crime)
Prevention Act Agency 280 Budget and) RESOLUTION NO.
Purchase of a Fixed Asset (Pick-Up Truck))
for Use by the Probation Department)
JJCPA Program)**

**UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____ AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD March 28, 2006 BY THE FOLLOWING
VOTE:**

AYES:

**NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:**

**ATTEST: C. BRIAN HADDIX
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**BY: _____
DEPUTY**

The Board of Supervisors authorized and approved adjustments to the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year Juvenile JJCPA Agency 280 Probation and Health & Human Services Agency budgets as summarized on attached AUD 308 budget adjustment forms and approved and authorized the purchase of a fixed asset - pick-up truck – for the Probation Department JJCPA Program.