

County of Tulare

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AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item: May 9, 2006

Subject: Authorize the Sheriff's Department application for grant to fight methamphetamine in Tulare County.

Request: That the Board of Supervisors authorize submission of a Prevention of Methamphetamine Abuse grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Further, it is requested that the Board authorize its Chairman to sign application documents.

Summary: SAMHSA has issued a request for proposals for enhancements to existing methamphetamine prevention programs. For the past five years, the Sheriff's Department has operated a California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (CAL-METT) utilizing funding from a grant from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The grant has permitted the Sheriff's Department, Tulare District Attorney's Office, Tulare County Probation Department and other local law enforcement groups to target and dismantle hundreds of methamphetamine labs in the county and put hundreds of drug merchants behind bars.

The CAL-METT grant also has sought to educate the general public about the significant hazards of methamphetamine consumption through presentations at schools, community groups and other forums. The SAMHSA grant will allow us to expand that effort to hopefully undercut the local street market for meth dealers. Funding will be utilized for cost of personnel, educational materials and training under the methamphetamine prevention program.

Financing: The federal grant will pay up to \$350,000 per year for up to three years. There are no matching funds required under this program.

Alternatives: Deny the Sheriff's Department's request to apply to SAMHSA for a Prevention of Methamphetamine Abuse grant; however, there is no cost to the county under this program.

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Involvement of Other County Departments: The Tulare County District Attorney's Office and the Tulare County Probation Department will be included on the program team.

Signature requirements: Board Chairman to sign grant application.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:


Bill Wittman, Sheriff-Coroner

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Authorizing the Submission of a)
grant application to the Substance Abuse and) RESOLUTION NO.
Mental Health Services Administration)
(SAMHSA) of the U.S. Dept. of Health and)
Human Services for a Prevention of)
Methamphetamine Abuse grant)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR , SECONDED

BY SUPERVISOR AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD BY THE FOLLOWING
VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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

BY: _____
DEPUTY

Authorized submission of a FY 2006 grant application to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services for a Prevention of Methamphetamine Abuse grant and authorized the Board Chairman to sign the application.