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Robert Sillen
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SUBJECT: Drug Court Partnership and Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation Grants

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to grant funding for the Drug Court Partnership and Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation.

Possible action:

- a. Approve delegation of authority to Director, Department of Alcohol and Drug Services, or designee, to execute notice of grant award from the State Department of Health Services relating to the Drug Court Partnership in an amount not to exceed \$425,175 for period commencing upon execution of grant award through June 30, 2006, and to execute any necessary related documents including annual renewals through June 30, 2010, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2010.
- b. Approve delegation of authority to Director, Department of Alcohol and Drug Services, or designee, to execute notice of grant award from the State Department of Health Services relating to the Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation in an amount not to exceed \$445,275 for period commencing upon execution of grant award through December 28, 2006, and to execute any necessary related documents including annual renewals through December 28, 2010, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on December 28, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of these actions. Funds have been recognized in the FY 2005/2006 Department of Alcohol and Drug Services budget.

CONTRACT HISTORY

The Department was first awarded the Drug Court Partnership (DCP) grant funding from the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) in collaboration with the California Judicial Council in May 1999. The initial grant of \$400,000 was for a four-year period, to expand and enhance services of the County's Adult Drug Treatment Court.

DADS was first awarded Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) funding in FY 01, receiving a notice of grant award in March 2001 to expand services and support to substance abusing high risk criminal justice referrals from the drug courts.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Drug Court Partnership and Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation grants are funded through the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and have been renewed annually. These grants are considered on-going. Approval of the delegation of authority to execute notices of grant award and any necessary related documents including annual renewals will allow for timely receipt of funds and continued reimbursement for services provided by the Department.

In the event there is an increase in grant funding, the Department would present a spending plan to the full Board for approval.

BACKGROUND

The Drug Court Partnership grant, first awarded in May 1999, supports Drug Treatment Court (DTC) activities such as a drug court coordinator and community workers, in addition to treatment-related services such as transitional housing unit beds for clients in substance abuse treatment. Partnerships of this grant include the Superior Court, DADS, the District Attorney's Office, Office of Probation, the Public Defender, Mental Health Department, as well as a host of public and private agencies.

The Comprehensive Drug Court Implementation (CDCI) grant is designed to enhance the operations of Drug Treatment Courts such as Santa Clara County's program. The County's Drug Treatment Court (DTC) has experienced tremendous growth since its inception in 1995, including a tripling of its original caseload. All DTC participants have been convicted and have voluntarily chosen to participate in the year-long program. All of the participants are hard core addicts and a significant percentage are pregnant or mothers with small children. All participants are supervised by the Probation Department. DADS was first awarded CDCI funding in FY 2001, receiving a notice of grant award in March 2001 to expand services and support to substance abusing high risk criminal justice referrals from the drug courts.

Through an oversight, the Department neglected to obtain a delegation of authority from the Board prior to signing to accept the previous grant awards. The recommended actions will correct that oversight for the current grant period.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Department may not be able to receive and utilize the funding from the grants, and may not be able to receive reimbursement for services provided by the Department.

ATTACHMENTS

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