

# County of Santa Clara Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

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SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Grant

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 091 – \$44,338 increasing revenue and expenditures in the Department of Alcohol and Drug Services budget relating to providing services to clients involved in the Dependency

Drug Treatment Court. (4/5 Roll Call Vote)

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no impact to the General Fund as a result of this action. The Department of Alcohol and Drug Services (DADS) received a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs (OJP) totaling \$200,000 for period September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2006.

The original spending plan allocated \$100,000 for Project Year 1 and \$100,000 for Project Year 2. While \$100,000 was budgeted in FY05, due to a delay in start-up of program services, only \$9,947 was actually spent, leaving \$90,053 unexpended. Of this unexpended balance, \$24,990 was rolled over into FY06. The remaining unexpended balance of \$65,063 will be divided, with \$44,338 recognized in this transmittal to purchase additional enhanced services in the current fiscal year and \$20,725 to be allocated in FY07 for services in July and August of 2006.

## **CONTRACT HISTORY**

On December 7, 2004, the Board of Supervisors accepted the spending plan for the OJP grant and delegated authority to the Director of DADS to execute and amend agreements relating to providing services to clients involved in the Dependency Drug Treatment Court.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Unexpended funds from Project Year 1 in the amount of \$44,338 are available to purchase additional enhanced services in the current fiscal year (Project Year 2). Approval of the recommended action will allow DADS to use the available grant funds in the current fiscal year to purchase the services listed below for Dependency Drug Treatment Court participants.

**Mentors for Mothers – \$28,288.** For the past several years, DADS has contracted with Santa Clara Juvenile Defenders to operate the Mentors for Mothers program for DDTC participants. This current Agreement for Services will be increased an additional \$28,288 to expand the Mentors for Mothers program. This increase will be used to hire one new Mentor Mom and one new Mentor Dad, to introduce an explicit focus on better preparing participants for transition to life after DDTC.

**Ancillary Legal Services – \$10,000.** The existing agreement with Santa Clara Juvenile Defenders – Dependency Legal Services will be increased by \$10,000. Dependency Legal Services represents most of the mothers during their DDTC involvement, to help clients resolve issues such as DMV problems, landlord/tenant disputes, credit problems, and immigration issues. Resolving these outstanding legal issues will help clients obtain and maintain stable employment and housing, and remove significant stressors from their lives, thus improving their chances of remaining sober and free from further involvement with the child welfare system.

**Other Costs (Operating Supplies and Mileage) – \$1,144.** This funding will be used to cover additional operating supplies and mileage expenses for the two new mentors.

Bus Passes – \$4,906. Bus passes will be purchased for DDTC participants for their travel to service locations.

## **BACKGROUND**

The main goal of the Santa Clara County Dependency Drug Treatment Court project is to reduce the incidence of substance abuse relapse and subsequent child abuse or neglect. The primary objective of this grant is to expand and enhance services for clients, particularly during times when they are preparing to transition out of DDTC program involvement. An increased level of planning, transitional services, and community linkages to meet client's post-graduation needs are expected to result in increased client stability and sobriety, and increased long term well being of the children, their families, and the community.

The grant funds are used to address these five specific service areas: (1) client social and emotional support, (2) linkages to services, (3) ancillary legal services, (4) expanding counseling services not covered under the existing Mental Health program, and (5) transportation assistance to services locations.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Failure to approve the recommended action will leave the grant funds unspent and enhanced services to clients participating in the Dependency Drug Treatment Court will be lost.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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- Budget Modification 091