

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Probation

*M. E. P. for S.P.*

BOARD AGENDA # \*B-7

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE August 11, 2009

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES  NO

(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES  NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Chief Probation Officer to Apply for and Accept a California Risk Assessment Pilot Project Grant from the Judicial Council of California Administrative Office of the Courts for the Use of Actuarial Risk-Needs Assessment Information in State Sentencing and Probation Supervision

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve the Chief Probation Officer to apply for and accept a California Risk Assessment Pilot Project Grant from the Judicial Council of California Administrative Office of the Courts for the Use of Actuarial Risk-Needs Assessment Information in State Sentencing and Probation Supervision.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The California Risk Assessment Pilot Project (RAPP) Grant is a new program that will provide training and technical assistance at up to six pilot project sites in the state on the proper use of Evidence Based Practices and risk assessment tools to reduce recidivism, and on the identification, collection, verification, analysis, and reporting of process and outcome data for the purpose of evaluating project performance. The participating Courts and Probation Departments selected will be responsible for their own respective operational costs in providing project services to participating offenders, including but not limited to the  
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BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2009-536

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Grover

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Grover, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Denied

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Approved as amended

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

MOTION:

*Christine Ferraro*

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

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#### FISCAL IMPACT: (Continued)

administration of risk and needs assessments; preparation of pre-sentence reports, submission of selected risk assessment information to the courts, conducting probation violation and revocation proceedings, preparation of appropriate case management plans, and supervision services. The Probation Department will use existing resources to fund these services.

#### DISCUSSION:

The California RAPP grant is sponsored jointly by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC). The purpose of RAPP is to coordinate the operation and evaluation of pilot projects to be operated jointly by Superior Courts and County Probation Departments in up to six California counties to explore ways in which criminal offender risk assessment information can be successfully used in adult sentencing and violation of probation proceedings to reduce recidivism among 18 to 25 year old offenders and improve offender accountability. The RAPP will also evaluate the use of risk information in the development of probation workload standards based on offender risk classification.

Representatives from the Probation Department, the Courts and the Chief Executive Office have been meeting to collaborate on this project and to develop strategies for implementing the pilot project. Strategies being considered include targeting medium and high risk offenders for more intensive supervision and treatment services; imposition of conditions of probation that target identified offender criminogenic needs for effective intervention; development of appropriate probation case management and offender supervision strategies; and use of a graduated system of incentives and sanctions to promote offender compliance and respond to offender non-compliance with conditions of probation.

The deadline for application is September 1, 2009. The participating jurisdictions will be selected on the basis of their demonstrated willingness, commitment, and capacity to implement use of actuarial risk assessment tools to reduce offender recidivism through such strategies as described above.

#### POLICY ISSUE:

This grant will meet the Board's priority of A safe community and Efficient delivery of public services by promoting programs that reduce recidivism through the expanded use of evidence-based practices, programs that work, and offender risk/needs assessment tools.

#### STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with the submittal of this grant application. Existing staff will perform the required project services.