



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-14

For the meeting of: February 9, 2010

Date: January 20, 2010

To: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

From: DOUGLAS RASINES, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER *DR*

Subject: EVIDENCE-BASED PROBATION SUPERVISION PROGRAM APPLICATION

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chairperson of the Board to sign the Certification of Assurance of Compliance – Recovery JAG, Cal EMA 2-104j form, as required for submission of the application for the Evidence-Based Probation Supervision Program (EBPSP).

Further, that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign all subsequent grant-related paperwork associated with the California Emergency Management Agency funding under the Evidence-Based Probation Supervision Program for the grant period October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2012.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Recovery Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding administered by the California Emergency Management Agency.

DISCUSSION: The California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) is the state administrative agency overseeing the implementation of the Evidence-Based Probation Supervision Program (EBPSP), which is funded non-competitively under the Recovery JAG program. The EBPSP application process requires applicant counties to certify that they will abide by all special conditions and requirements of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The total funding available to Humboldt County is \$215,055 over three years.

Prepared by Bill Damiano, Division Director

CAO Approval

Phillip Smith Hayes

REVIEW:	Auditor _____	County Counsel _____	Personnel _____	Risk Manager <i>J</i>	Other _____
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TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor SMITH
Seconded by Supervisor NEELY
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
contained in this report.

Dated: February 9, 2010
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

By: *Jikki Turner*

The EBPSP program is attached to Senate Bill (SB) 678 (2009), the California Community Corrections Performance Incentives Act of 2009, which addresses criminal recidivism and establishes a Community Corrections Performance Incentive Fund. The goal of the program is to support the implementation of evidence-based practices in adult community corrections to improve public safety and outcomes of felony offenders resulting in avoidance of sentence to prison, effectively reducing prison incarceration costs. Dependent upon demonstrated annual outcome improvements in comparison with statewide average probation revocation rates, 40% to 45% of the annual costs to incarcerate an offender in prison and supervise them on parole would then be allocated back to counties based on formulas outlined in Penal Code 1233, et seq.

A primary objective of the ARRA funding is to create or restore jobs. The Probation Department proposes to utilize a portion of these funds to restore a currently vacant and unfunded Deputy Probation Officer I/II position. The restoration of this position will allow the Department to establish and maintain caseload sizes at a ratio of 50:1, which the National Institute of Corrections indicates is an optimal level for case management of high-risk offenders. These reductions accommodate additional duties associated with the implementation of a validated risk and needs assessment tool as well as the provision of direct cognitive behavioral programming by department staff. Improved offender outcomes are expected to be significant since such programming has proven effective at reducing recidivism in correctional populations by as much as 30% to 50%. These improved outcomes, in turn, translate directly to increased public safety.

Applications were due to Cal EMA on December 31, 2009 and were announced on November 2, 2009. At a Chief Probation Officers of California EBPSP planning meeting in early December, Cal EMA representatives recommended that counties submit applications, even if incomplete, in order to expedite processing and the flow of federal funds. Pursuant to the County's grant policy, the County Administrative Officer authorized submittal of the grant application in December. This item is now coming before the Board for delegations of authority that will facilitate processing of the grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no impact to the county general fund. The EBPSP will provide \$215,055 over three years for Humboldt County adult probation services. There is no match requirement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: The Courts, District Attorney, and Public Defender are the principle partners in this program. Referrals of offenders to County and community-based treatment services providers would continue, though in a more targeted fashion.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board could choose to not authorize the needed signatures. That is not recommended as it would effectively make us ineligible for funding under this grant program.

ATTACHMENT:

- 1) Humboldt County Probation EBPSP application, including Certification of Assurance of Compliance – Recovery JAG Cal EMA 2-104j form