

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: PROBATION DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 8, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of Grant Application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs Competitive Grant.


RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to submit an Application to the BJA for the Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs Competitive Grant.
- 2) Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to sign all grant submission documents.

BACKGROUND: The Bureau of Justice Assistance through this Innovation Grant process is seeking proposals to fund projects up to \$750,000 that demonstrate innovation in justice programming to address potential gaps in provision of services within the justice system. The Probation Department is proposing in the grant application to fully fund the development and implementation of a transitional housing program for 45-60 high risk youthful offenders. The program would include safe and secure housing, education, vocational training, and job search and job placement for youth as they are reintegrated into the community from the Youthful Offenders Program at the Indio Juvenile Hall with the goal of directly reducing crime and recidivism.

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 Thomas Gardner
 for Alan M. Crogan
 Chief Probation Officer


FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ N/A	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2009/10

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Federal -100%	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE

BY: 
 Elizabeth J. Olson

County Executive Office Signature

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
 BY: 
 NEAL R. KIPNIS
 DATE: 4/12/10
 Departmental Concurrence

Dept'l Recomm.: Consent Policy
 Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** | **Agenda Number:**

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The Youthful Offender Program (YOP) was developed by the Probation Department in response to the Governor's position on the realignment of Non-707(b) offenders in 2007. The program is designed to reduce criminal behavior of high risk youthful offenders, ages 16-21, by placing them in a structured evidence-based treatment program. The program emphasizes education, vocation and intensive mental health treatment. Through the use of comprehensive services, the YOP program identifies and works with both the positive (protective factors and strengths) and negative (risks and needs) factors along with the ecological factors of family, peers, school, neighborhood and community. The YOP program is characterized by evidenced based, cognitive-behavioral, pro-social modeling approaches and has three phases-treatment, education/training and enhanced aftercare.

After two years of operation, the YOP program staff has identified a growing need for highly structured transitional housing for select juveniles who virtually have no stable residential alternatives upon release. There is also a need for sustainable employment and time for them to implement within the community those skills they learned/mastered in treatment.

This grant application would allow the Probation Department to fully fund an additional component of the Enhanced Aftercare portion of the YOP program and implement a transitional housing unit at Indio Juvenile Hall (IJH). Currently, IJH has a total of 152 beds, with 70 of those designated for YOP youth. There are also 30 non-YOP beds for juveniles assigned to detention. Two units are closed at this time.

Grant activities are proposed to open and staff one of the closed units to provide a safe and structured environment for targeted YOP youth as they transition back into the community, become employed and learn to live on their own outside of the juvenile justice system. Juveniles in this program could leave the facility for work or school and return for treatment programs and support. This reopened unit will provide temporary living quarters, already owned by the Probation Department, for 45-60 offenders from ages 17.5 to 19.5 throughout the life of the grant serving 20 at a time. This new phase will provide access to and support for:

- Enhanced Riverside County Office of Education vocational training coordinated with employers in the region
- Assessment of careers in the military and other employment opportunities where housing and food are included.
- Secondary Schooling with housing options for those who want to go to college
- Clothes, books, materials necessary for work or school

This grant covers 15 to 36 months of development, implementation and validation of the proposed reentry/reintegration transitional housing solution as a method to reduce crime and recidivism.

All services proposed in the grant would be 100% grant funded. There are sufficient funds in the department's budget to cover the match requirements.

County Counsel has approved this document as to form.