COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Chief Probation Officer

October 19, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER CRIME REDUCTION (MIOCR) GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY (CSA)

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the attached resolution to support the County's participation in the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grants Program.

2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept up to $1.5 million for each proposal funded by the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA).

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to prepare and sign non-financial agreements with other governmental agencies collaborating in the grant-funded programs, if grants are awarded, after review and approval as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to adopt a resolution and authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding, if awarded, from the Corrections Standard Authority (CSA) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles. Probation intends to submit up to four proposals for grant funding to the CSA.

The total grant award for each individual program is up to $1.5 million. The grant period is for 18 months commencing January 1, 2007. Successful grant awardees will also have the possibility of funding for up to four additional years if the projects have demonstrated effectiveness and the Legislature appropriates funds for subsequent years.

The MIOCR Grant Program funds will allow Probation to enhance services to mentally ill offenders. Following is a brief summary of the programs that Probation intends to propose for funding:

1. Enhancement of the assessment unit at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall that identifies minor's mental health needs prior to camp placement. In conjunction with the Department of Mental Health, Probation will provide treatment to minors placed at Camp Rockey that have increased mental health needs, provide services to their families, and continue evidenced-based services through their transition into the community. Services will be targeted at residents of the eastern county area.
2. Implementation of intensive case management services targeting youth with a diagnosis of severe mental illness who are at-risk of out-of-home placement or who are transitioning from the Juvenile Mental Health Court, a detention facility or residential placement.
3. Strengthening the Enhanced Supervision Program at Central Juvenile Hall, a collaborative Probation, DMH intensive treatment unit for youth who exhibit chronic behavioral problems due to mental illness, often demonstrating suicidal and other self-destructive behaviors while in detention, to include evidence-based treatment approaches and aftercare services.
4. Implementing a screening process to identify organic neurological disorders in minors detained in all three juvenile halls. Treatment will vary based on the outcome of the screening process.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #5: Children and Families' Well-Being, and Goal #8: Public Safety.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total grant award for each individual program is up to $1.5 million over an 18-month period. The initial grant period is for January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 with the possibility of funding for up to four additional years if the projects have demonstrated effectiveness and the Legislature appropriates funds for subsequent years. The grant requires a 25% match and restricts State funds being used for the match. The Department intends to use existing net County costs for any grant funds awarded.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In August 2006, the CSA released a request for proposals for the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant Program. The Probation Department plans to submit proposals for up to four programs for funding consideration. A resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors is required for funding consideration on each of the proposals that are due to the CSA no later than November 6, 2006.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

If awarded, the MIOCR grant funds will enhance mental health services to juveniles.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, it is requested that the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board send the adopted Board Letter and four (4) original signed resolutions to:

Probation Department
Contract Management Division
Attention: Yolanda Young, Director
9150 E. Imperial Hwy
Downey, CA 90242

Respectfully submitted,

Robert B. Taylor
Chief Probation Officer

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Attachments (4)

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

Attachment I

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER CRIME REDUCTION (MIOCR) GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORIZATION (CSA)

WHEREAS the County of Los Angeles Probation Department is seeking state funds available through the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) grant program administered by the Corrections Standards Authority (hereafter referred to as CSA), be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors:

Authorizes the Chief Probation Officer to submit the MIOCR application on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and to sign the Grant Agreement with the CSA, including any amendments thereof, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles;

Assures that the County of Los Angeles Probation Department will provide all matching funds required for the MIOCR grant;

Assures that the County of Los Angeles Probation Department will not use grant funds to supplant expenditures controlled by this body; and

Assures that the County of Los Angeles Probation Department will abide by the statutes governing the MIOCR grant program as well as the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the CSA.

The foregoing resolution was on the day _____ day of _____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
The County of Los Angeles

By_____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Raymond G. Fortner, Jr.
County Counsel

By_____
Gordon W. Trask
Principal Deputy County Counsel