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LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

December 12, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY FOR THE MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff to submit a grant application to the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) in the amount of $1,494,575 for the 2007 Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant Program.

2. Adopt and sign the attached Resolution (Attachment) authorizing the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests which may be necessary for completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

On August 31, 2006, the CSA released a Request for Proposal for the 2007 MIOCR Grant Program. The MIOCR Grant Program requires the collaborative effort of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), and the Probation Department. The CSA requires the Department to submit the application as the lead agency. In order for the proposal to be considered for funding, an adopted resolution, authorizing the Sheriff to submit and execute all documents related to the MIOCR grant, must be submitted to the CSA no later than January 1, 2007.

The rise of mentally ill offender recidivists has increased budget pressure on the County's criminal justice and mental health systems. The CSA's MIOCR Grant Program was enacted to help reverse this trend. The grant request is for $1,494,575 for 18 months commencing January 1, 2007. Successful grant recipients will also have the possibility of funding up to four (4) additional years if the project demonstrates effectiveness and the Legislature appropriates funds for subsequent years.

This will be the third MIOCR Grant Program administered by the Department. Program funds will allow the County to provide adult mentally ill offenders with intensive in-jail and post-incarceration community services. These services include release/transition planning to assist the mentally ill with accessing transportation, employment, housing, and mental health services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The major goals of this program are to reduce mentally ill offender recidivism and criminal justice costs by enhancing community reintegration through treatment, employment, and housing. These goals support the achievement of the County's Strategic Goal 6, Community Services, and Strategic Goal 7, Health and Mental Health.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The request is for $1,494,575 over an 18 month period. The initial grant period is from January 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, with the possibility of funding for up to four (4) additional years if the project demonstrates effectiveness and the Legislature appropriates funds for subsequent years. A 25 percent local cash or in-kind match totaling $374,000 will be required for this program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The MIOCR program requires the collaborative effort of the Department, DMH, and the Probation Department. The CSA requires the Department to submit the application as the lead agency. In order for the proposal to be considered for funding, a resolution approved by the Board of Supervisors must be submitted to the CSA by January 1, 2007.

This Board letter has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

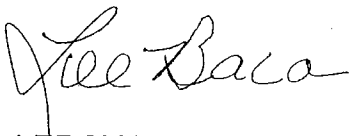
If the CSA selects the Department for an award, MIOCR grant funds will enhance mental health services to adult offenders. The DMH will utilize one of its approved contracted

agencies to provide intensive in-jail engagement and transition to post-incarceration community services for offenders from the Twin Towers Mental Health Housing Unit. The Probation Department will provide a full-time Deputy Probation Officer II (fully funded by the MIOCR Grant) as part of the intensive in-jail and post-incarceration community program. The County Public Defender's Office and the County Alternate Public Defender's Office have determined that the project would have minimal impact on their current services. The County District Attorney's Office has determined that the project would have no appreciable impact on their current services.

CONCLUSION

Upon your Board's approval, the Department requests that your Board provide four (4) individually adopted copies of this action and two (2) originally executed copies of the Attachment to the Department. The Department's contact for the requested Board action is Deryl Trotter, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5153.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

Governing Board Resolution

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles 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 Sheriff 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 will provide all matching funds required for the MIOCR grant;

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

Assures that the County of Los Angeles 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.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION OF
MENTALLY ILL OFFENDER CRIME REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY that at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on the _____day of _____, 2006, the foregoing Resolution was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles this_____day of _____, 2006.

Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent

County of Los Angeles

By: _____
Board of Supervisors

Attest: Sachi A. Hamai
Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By:_____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the County Counsel
By:_____
Gary Gross, Principal Deputy County Counsel