

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Administrative Office	(2) MEETING DATE 6/2/2015	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Jim Salio, 781-5300	
(4) SUBJECT Request to award five state-funded Community Recidivism Reduction Grants of \$10,000 to local community based organizations. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chair to sign five agreements (Clerk's file) awarding state-funded Community Recidivism Reduction Grants of \$10,000 each to the following five local community based organizations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo 2. South County Youth Coalition, Inc. 3. Casa Solana, Inc. 4. United Way of San Luis Obispo 5. Transitions Mental Health Association 			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$50,000	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT N/A	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, County Administrative Office			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts.			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Salio, Chief Probation Officer
Chair, Community Corrections Partnership

DATE: 6/2/2015

SUBJECT: Request to approve five agreements (Clerk's file) awarding state-funded Community Recidivism Reduction Grants of \$10,000 each to five local community based organizations.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve and direct the Chair to sign five agreements (Clerk's file) awarding state-funded Community Recidivism Reduction Grants of \$10,000 each to the following five local community based organizations:

1. Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo
2. South County Youth Coalition, Inc.
3. Casa Solana, Inc.
4. United Way of San Luis Obispo
5. Transitions Mental Health Association

DISCUSSION

BACKGROUND:

The Budget Act of 2014 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2014) allocated \$8 million statewide to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant described in Penal Code section 1233.10 (Attachment I). As part of this allocation the County of San Luis Obispo is eligible to receive \$50,000 to distribute as a competitive grant program intended to fund community recidivism and crime reduction services.

In order to receive and distribute these funds, the Board of Supervisors, in collaboration with the Community Corrections Partnership, must establish minimum requirements, funding criteria, grant award limits, and procedures for the county to award grants. On September 9, 2014 your Board voted to accept the \$50,000 of Recidivism Reduction Grant program funds allocated to San Luis Obispo County from the Board of State and Community Corrections and the required notification was sent to BSCC.

In February 2015 the Community Corrections Partnership solicited grant proposals from community based organizations within the county. Six applications were received. On May 18, 2015, the Executive Committee of the Community Corrections Partnership voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that San Luis Obispo County award grants to five of the six applicants.

GRANT AWARDS:

1. Community Action Partnership (CAPSLO) - Liberty Tattoo Removal: \$10,000

The program will provide free laser tattoo removal treatments for individuals with anti-social, gang related, and/or visible tattoos. Participants must volunteer 16 hours with local service organizations prior to each clinic

visit. In addition to laser treatments, over a one-year period, one-on-one services will be provided to formerly incarcerated participants who are in need of employment supports. This program will be overseen by the Probation Department.

2. South County Youth Coalition - Building Bridges to Success: \$10,000

The program will provide funding for enrichment activities and support educational and occupational opportunities for South County youth who have been released from or are currently incarcerated in county juvenile services center, or who are under the supervision of the Probation Department, or are at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity. This program will be overseen by the Probation Department.

3. Casa Solana - Return to Work: \$10,000

The program will be based on enhancing the ability of the female sober living program's clients to return to or transition into the work force and society. Aspects of the program include providing computers/internet services, obtaining access to search engines, and providing a budget to supply interview attire, bus passes, materials, and essentials for job search. By increasing access to employment opportunities, client recidivism should decrease greatly as clients transition into society with gainful employment. This program will be overseen by the Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department.

4. United Way - Compassionate Communication: 10,000

The program will provide Compassionate Communication (formerly known as Nonviolent Communication) courses for men and women incarcerated in the SLO County Jail. The program will conduct two workshops a week, one for men and one for women, for eight weeks. These sessions will repeat three times a year. An increase in empathy increases pro-social behavior and decreases aggressive behavior, violence and violent crime. This program will be overseen by the Sheriff's Jail Programs Unit.

5. Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA) - Inmate Peer Mentoring: \$10,000

The program will work in concert with TMHA's Forensic Reentry Services (FRS) team and the Jail Programs Unit, serving persons within the San Luis Obispo County Jail. The Peer Mentor will bring real life experience to issues of incarceration, reentry, and mental health. This individual will meet with clients both before and after release, provide peer leadership and counseling, becoming a proactive resource for linkages to wellness programs that feature life skills and support groups, vocational opportunities, housing, and education. The Peer Mentor will also participate in monthly Community Case Management meetings. This program will be overseen by the Sheriff's Jail Programs Unit.

A sixth application was not recommended to be approved because the request would fund a portion of the salary for the organization's executive director. This is an on-going cost for the organization, not a program, and would not directly contribute to the reduction of recidivism in the community.

GRANT REQUIREMENTS:

Statute requires that these grants must be awarded by to a nongovernmental entity or a consortium or coalition of nongovernmental entities that provide community recidivism and crime reduction services to persons who have been released from state prison, a county jail, or a juvenile detention facility, who are under the supervision of a parole or probation department or any other person at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities. Community recidivism and crime reduction services include, but are not limited to, delinquency prevention, homelessness prevention, and reentry services. Grants awarded by the County of San Luis Obispo may not exceed \$10,000 per community organization.

Counties receiving funds are also required to collect and submit data to the BSCC on grants awarded. Service providers that receive a grant are responsible for reporting to the county Board of Supervisors or the Community Corrections Partnership on the number of individuals served and the types of services provided. The Board of Supervisors or the Community Corrections Partnerships must report any information received from grant recipients to the BSCC on or before July 1, 2015 and each year until the final reporting date of July 1, 2018.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Community Corrections Partnership is chaired by the Chief Probation Officer and pursuant to Penal Code § 1230(b)(2) is comprised of the following members:

- The Chief Probation Officer (Chair)
- The presiding Judge of the Superior Court, or his or her designee
- A County Supervisor or the Chief Administrative Officer for the County
- The District Attorney
- The Public Defender
- The Sheriff
- A Chief of Police (for a term as determined by the San Luis Obispo County Criminal Justice Administrators' Association)
- The head of the County Department of Social Services
- The head of the County Department of Mental Health
- The head of the County Department of Employment
- The head of the County Alcohol and Substance Abuse programs
- The head of the County Office of Education
- A representative from a community-based organization with experience in successfully providing rehabilitative services to persons who have been convicted of a criminal offense
- An individual who represents the interests of victims

The Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee is also chaired by the Chief Probation Officer and pursuant to Penal Code § 1230.1(b) is comprised of the following members:

- The Chief Probation Officer (Chair)
- A Chief of Police (for a term as determined by the San Luis Obispo County Criminal Justice Administrators' Association)
- The Sheriff
- The District Attorney
- The Public Defender
- The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, or designee
- The director of the Health Agency

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

A total of \$50,000 is allocated to San Luis Obispo County for this grant program. No recipient may receive more than \$10,000. Any funds unexpended at the end of Fiscal Year 2017-18 will revert to the State. No matching funds are required from the County and participation in this grant program will have no impact on the County's budgeted level of General Fund expense. Each grant recipient will be overseen by a specific County department; following approval of the awards, funds will be disbursed by each oversight department directly to the grantee.

RESULTS

Approval of the recommended awards for Community Recidivism Reduction Grant funds totaling \$50,000 will provide funding to five community based organizations. Each program provide services aimed at reducing recidivism within San Luis Obispo County. Each recipient will be overseen by a specific County department and will report on its performance to that department as part of the terms of the grant award.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo Grant Agreement (Clerk's File)
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