

DEPARTMENT: PROBATION

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

Board has previously approved the acceptance of federal funds for juvenile programs.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

1. Decline acceptance of funds for the juvenile service program resulting in the use of general fund monies.
2. Continue with the juvenile community service program as it currently exists.

Financial Impact? (X) Yes () No	Current FY Cost: \$ 8,547.00	Annual Recurring Cost: \$
Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No (X) Partially Funded		
Amount in Budget:	\$ 854.00	List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Additional Funding Needed:	\$7,693.00	Page 2 - Justification
Source:		Page 3 - Announcement of Grant
Internal Transfer		
Unanticipated Revenue	X 4/5's vote	
Transfer Between Funds	4/5's vote	
Contingency	4/5's vote	
() General () Other		

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 03-182 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 Approved
 Minute Order Attached No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Date: _____
 Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
 County of Mariposa, State of California
 By: _____
 Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Requested Action Recommended
 No Opinion
 Comments:

CAO: [Signature]

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to apply for Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant(JAIBG) for 2003/2004 in the amount of \$7,693 with a county match of \$854.00 for a total of \$8,547.00

The Mariposa County Probation Department is in need of an efficient and effective community work program for juvenile offenders. The grant funds would provide tools and equipment necessary to make the program viable.

In 1989 the Probation Department developed a community service program for both adult and juvenile offenders within Mariposa County. The program was designed to provide services to non-profit organizations within the county at no cost to the organization. Criminal offenders would complete the work in an effort to repay society for offenses committed.

During the past 14 years, it has been found that adult offenders are able to perform community service to a variety of organizations. However, having juveniles complete community service hours has been difficult.

Juvenile offenders require a higher level of involvement by probation officers than the adult offenders. Initially, juvenile offenders were assigned to work with the county Public Works Department employees in the cleaning up of offices and grounds. After a period of time it became obvious that the county employees were spending most of their hours only supervising the juveniles. Rather than doubling the available work hours, the county employees merely became supervisors. This resulted in the county employees not being able to complete more highly skilled tasks. When the juveniles were left in areas unattended, it often resulted in new criminal offenses being committed. For example, one minor assigned to work in a county office on an assigned project stole candy, which was left in the office as a fund raising project. That incident, along with other incidents, terminated juveniles working with the county employees.

The probation officers have attempted to find projects for the juveniles, however those too are minimal. Typically, the minors are left to clean up weeds in the outside recreation area of the juvenile hall during the summer months. In order to have the juveniles more involved in projects it would require the probation officers to work on weekends or in the evenings, in addition to their regularly scheduled 40-hour week because of the school attendance issues. While there may be an argument that juveniles should pull weeds as punishment, it would benefit the community to have the juveniles perform a variety of clean up projects.

The goal of the Probation Department is to have juveniles who have been ordered to perform community service hours to do so under the close supervision of a supervisor whose only role is to make sure the juveniles complete their assigned tasks and remain out of trouble. With the use of the juvenile hall juvenile supervisors, minors would be able to complete their hours after school and on weekends. The work program would be a formalized program to insure the community receives the full benefit of the sanctions imposed on juvenile offenders.

Resolution NO. 03-187
Board of Supervisors Resolution
Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant
2003-2004

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa hereby:

Authorizes said Chief Probation Officer, or the chairperson of the Board of Supervisors to submit and/or sign Mariposa County's Application for the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant and related contracts, amendments, or extensions with the State of California; and,

Assures that the applied for grant has been developed, reviewed and provided to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning in a format determined by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning not later than May 29, 2003; and,

Assures that the County of Mariposa Board of Supervisors and the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council has reviewed and approves the application for Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant; and,

Assures that the County of Mariposa will adhere to the requirements of the Office of Criminal Justice Planning regarding the submission of the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant application, investment of allocated monies, including any interest earnings, expenditure of said funds, and the submission of required reports to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

Adopted: May 27, 2003

Vote:

Ayes: STETSON, BALMAIN, BIBBY, PARKER, PICKARD

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Signature: Bob Pickard Date: 05-27-03

Type Name and Title: Bob Pickard, Chairman, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Signature: Margie Williams Date: 5-27-03

Typed Name and Title: Margie Williams, Clerk of the Board