

DEPARTMENT: Human Services

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RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

Financial Impact? () Yes (X) No Current FY Cost:
 Budgeted In Current FY? () Yes () No () Partially Funded
 Amount in Budget: \$ _____
 Additional Funding Needed: \$ _____
 Source: Contracts/Grants _____
 Internal Transfer _____
 Unanticipated Revenue _____ 4/5's vote
 Transfer Between Funds _____ 4/5's vote
 Contingency _____ 4/5's vote
 () General () Other

Annual Recurring Cost:

Page One, Memo to the Board
 Page Two, Notice of Funding Available for Small County
 Initiative Projects

CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Res. No.: 03-140 Ord. No. _____
 Vote - Ayes: 5 Noes: _____
 Absent: _____
 () Approved
 () Minute Order Attached () No Action Necessary

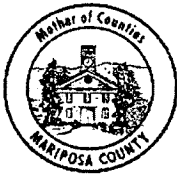
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.

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: REA



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April 24, 2003

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors
FROM: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly
RE: Small County Initiative (SCI) Funding

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully recommended that your Board authorize the Department of Human Services (DHS) to prepare a Small County Initiative (SCI) grant application for funding currently available through the State Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP).

BACKGROUND

This is the second round of funding available under Small County Initiative. Mariposa County has not applied for this funding in the past. DHS has been positioning itself to expand or develop needed programs through grant opportunities and is now prepared to do so.

CURRENT SITUATION

DHS recently received a notice of SCI funding available from OCAP. The purpose of this funding is to promote collaborative child abuse prevention programs within rural counties. Of the twenty rural counties eligible to apply, nine counties will be awarded money. This is a three-year grant, with maximum awards totaling \$270,000 (\$90,000 per year).

DHS would like to prepare a grant application for these funds, developing a program that would enhance family preservation activities. Family preservation services are critical to vulnerable families and can reduce the need for intensive intervention from Child Protective Services. This potential funding would allow for the development of a Family Guide Program offering parent education, counseling, and mentoring services to families before their family problems escalate to the point that a child is harmed or must be removed from their parents or guardian. This program would be a proposed collaborative between DHS and Mariposa Safe Families, Inc. (aka Mariposa County Child Abuse Prevention Council).

With your permission, a grant application package will be prepared for your review before submission to OCAP. A representative from that agency has been working with Community Action, Child Welfare and the Child Abuse Prevention Council. That representative is extremely pleased with the progress made to date and has encouraged us to build collaborative intervention programs with funding such as SCI.

FINANCIAL

There is no County match requirement for this funding. However, your Community Action Agency would prepare and submit this application, utilizing Community Services Block Grant leveraging dollars already approved by your Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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March 21, 2003

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES**FROM:** SUSAN NISENBAUM, Chief
Office of Child Abuse Prevention**SUBJECT:** SMALL COUNTY INITIATIVE (SCI) PROJECT FUNDING AVAILABILITY

California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), is pleased to announce the availability of funds for capacity building and collaboration of child abuse prevention/family support resources in Small Counties in California. Up to 9 (See Attachment A for Eligible Counties) grants will be implemented statewide, funded from October 1, 2003 through September 31, 2006, subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds. SCI grants will be for up to \$90,000 per year per County. These funds will be made available to the grantees through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, which will include, but is not limited to, a description of proposed activities, scope of work and budget.

Proposals/Responses must be received at the Department of Social Services no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 30, 2003.

Questions related to the RFP should be sent in writing to Susan Rodda, Program Manager, at OCAP, 744 P. St., MS 19-82, Sacramento, CA 95814 or by FAX to (916) 323-8103, and received no later than April 30, 2003. Responses to all questions will be sent to all bidders who have submitted questions and others who request the "Q&A" document in writing.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed By*SUSAN NISENBAUM, Chief
Office of Child Abuse Prevention

Attachment

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
OFFICE OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION**

Request for proposals 03-06

**Small County Initiative II
Community Partnerships in Family Support:
Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect**

March 21, 2003

OFFICE OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 03-06
SMALL COUNTY INITIATIVE II
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN FAMILY SUPPORT: PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

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RFP TIMELINE

RFP 03-06 mailed to prospective bidders and Posted on Internet	March 21, 2003
Receipt of Questions by	April 30, 2003
Receipt of Proposals by	4:00 p.m., May 30, 2003
Proposal review	June 2 - 6
Posting of contingent awards	June 9
Receipt of "Intent to Protest" letter	June 16
Receipt of Protest of Awards Detail	June 18
Review of protest and determination of standing	June 18
Notification of proposed awards and denials	June 25*
Development and Negotiation of award agreements To include evaluation planning	July - Sept*
Start of projects	October 1*

* If no protest resolution process is required.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: 03-06
SMALL COUNTY INITIATIVE II
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN FAMILY SUPPORT – PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

I. GENERAL OVERVIEW

A. INTRODUCTION

The mission of the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is

...to serve, aid, and protect needy and vulnerable children and adults in ways that strengthen and preserve families, encourage personal responsibility, and foster independence.

The Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP) was established within the California Department of Social Services to plan, improve, develop, and implement programs and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect as well as to promote healthy families and communities. California's small counties have unique needs due to limited resources and service providers, dispersed populations, extreme weather conditions hampering transportation, and other factors that limit optimum service delivery and collaboration. Therefore the Small County Initiative (SCI) was developed to assist counties that have populations of 70,000 or less to plan for and provide comprehensive, collaborative, and integrated services to children and their families to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Within each of the eligible counties there are special needs, underserved, or isolated individuals. Of the 20 counties eligible for SCI, all but six have one or more recognized Indian Tribes located within their boundaries. Other possible special needs populations within eligible small counties might include children and/or parents with disabilities, migrant workers, and/or non-English speaking residents. These and other populations have similar but unique needs. SCI is intended to provide funds to assist small counties to build a comprehensive and inclusive county wide child abuse prevention and family support system.

Nationwide there are increasing indications that the conventional methods in children welfare systems offer inadequate and insufficient responses to the escalating number of instances of child abuse and neglect. Experience and research tell us that preventing child abuse and neglect requires effective service delivery and consideration of closely related factors that erode parental capacity, such as substance abuse, domestic violence, family isolation, limited financial resources, and a general lack of family and community support. **Therefore, programs developed and/or augmented under the SCI must address these issues using a comprehensive integrative approach in providing services to families.**

Protecting children requires coordination of funding streams and collaboration of services. Involvement and coordination of agencies providing services to families along with a consideration of all possible funding sources can significantly improve services to strengthen families, and protect children from abuse and neglect. This is especially true for small counties where funding and services are often limited.

Improving service delivery for child and family well being also requires public and private

community organizations to build bridges between each other. This will develop a stronger, more cohesive approach to the prevention of child abuse and neglect as well as supporting and strengthening families. Additionally, research indicates that consumers of services are more likely to achieve success if they are actively involved in the planning and decision-making process of identifying service needs and establishing services priorities. Therefore, OCAP **requires a written community collaboration action plan with the involvement of parents and immediate child caregivers in the planning and implementation of programs developed under this initiative.**

Counties have identified a variety of service needs and strategies as part of their planning process for using state Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, Treatment (CAPIT) and Children's County Trust Fund (CCTF), federal Community Based Family Resource Support (CBFRS), and Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) Funds. Therefore counties are encouraged to consider these needs and strategies when developing their SCI application. Additionally, the programs and services funded must focus on prevention versus treatment. Counties may augment prevention programs developed under CAPIT/CBFRS/PSSF/CCTF that were not fully implemented due to limited funding and/or develop new programs based on county specific needs.

The grant period will be from October 1, 2003- September 30, 2006. Enhanced funding and/or additional program sites may be possible, as funds become available to OCAP. Bidders will be selected based on a competitive review of proposals received in response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) which includes specific selection criteria.

Proposals/Responses must be received in the Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention, on or before but no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday May 30, 2003. (See Section E Administrative Requirements for further detail).

B. BACKGROUND

Since 1977 The Office of Child Abuse Prevention has been testing, developing and evaluating a variety of family support programs and approaches to preventing child abuse and neglect. OCAP's mission is to help California families and communities protect children. One of OCAP's goals is to develop public/private partnerships that build community capacity to respond to the needs of children and families.

KEY CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

The key concepts utilized by OCAP to promote the reduction of child abuse include the following:

Prevention: OCAP defines "prevention" as taking advance result-oriented measures against the possible or probable occurrences of abuse and neglect. One aspect of OCAP's focus has been to demonstrate the efficacy of programs and activities that prevent child abuse. This effort includes identifying and engaging at-risk families as well as identifying effective strategies for early intervention and prevention of abuse and neglect.