



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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Chief Probation Officer

November 05, 2019

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

Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR THE PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT EDUCATION PROGRAM FY 2019-20 AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)

SUBJECT:

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) requests that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles for the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Education Program (Program).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding estimated at \$232,000 from BJA for the PREA Program for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to accept future grant funding and execute agreements, amendments, related documents, or extension with BJA.
3. Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment of \$232,000 (Attachment) to the Probation Department's Juvenile Institutions Services operating budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding from the BJA for Probation's PREA Program. Probation's grant award is estimated at \$232,000 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. PREA Program grant funding will be used to increase Probation's capacity to prevent sexual abuse in its facilities. Probation intends to ensure that all juvenile facilities personnel, volunteers, contractors, and partner agency staff working with detained youth are properly trained on preventing, detecting, and responding to sexual abuse, and implementation of the PREA Standards and Probation's Zero-Tolerance Policy, as well as working with vulnerable populations of detained youth who may be targeted or victimized by perpetrators in the juvenile facilities.

This grant will provide the additional resources necessary to maintain momentum already in progress towards meeting the PREA Standards regarding training and education. The goal of the Program is to develop and implement a program which provides educational materials and training to youth, parents, and juvenile facilities employees, volunteers, contractors, and partner agency personnel that shall meet and/or exceed the PREA Standards. The grant will also enable Probation to ramp up its training and education; thereby, helping to maintain ongoing compliance and sustainability of the PREA Standards.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the County of Los Angeles Strategic Plan Goal I: Make Investments That Transform Lives. Specifically, it will address Strategy I.2 to Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions, and Goal III: Realize Tomorrow's Government Today.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The grant award is estimated at \$231,821 for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021. Approval of the attached budget adjustment will increase the appropriation and revenue by \$232,000 for the training and education of PREA Program with no impact to net County cost. The matching requirement of 50 percent or more (\$256,470) has been included in salaries and employee benefits in the Department's FY 2019-20 Final Adopted Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On November 14, 2017, your Board directed the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Probation to develop a plan for PREA Compliance within Probation's juvenile detention facilities. Probation created a PREA Compliance unit to assist in developing a path towards compliance with PREA (2003),

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and the development of relationships between internal and external staff responsible for the maintenance of compliance and reporting.

On March 13, 2019, the BJA released the Implementing of PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities grant announcement under Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number 16.735. Probation submitted its application on May 16, 2019. On September 24, 2019, the BJA approved Probation's application.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The funding provided by this grant will provide Probation with resources to increase capacity to prevent sexual abuse in its facilities and maintain ongoing compliance of the PREA Standards.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri L. McDonald
Chief Probation Officer

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Enclosure

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 County Counsel
 Chief Executive Office

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION

DEPT'S.
NO. 640

November 5, 2019

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

FY 2019-20

4 - VOTES

SOURCES

PROBATION - JUVENILE INSTITUTION SERVICES
A01-PB-90-9031-17000-17250
FEDERAL GRANTS - \$232,000
INCREASE REVENUE

USES

PROBATION - JUVENILE INSTITUTION SERVICES
A01-PB-2000-17000-17250
SERVICES AND SUPPLIES - \$232,000
INCREASE APPROPRIATION

SOURCES TOTAL: \$ 232,000

USES TOTAL: \$ 232,000

JUSTIFICATION

Reflects an increase in revenue to fund the training and education for the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) program.


AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE GINA BYRNES, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR ---

☐ ACTION

☒ RECOMMENDATION

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER

B.A. NO. 062

BY 

10/28 2019

☒ APPROVED AS REQUESTED

☐ APPROVED AS REVISED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BY 

Nov 29 2019