

February 7, 2006

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the State Corrections Standard Authority for funds to support the "High Risk Special Programs Unit".

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION:

Request from the Chief Probation Officer to adopt resolution No. 2006- authorizing the Probation Department to submit application to the State Corrections Standard Authority for funds to support the Department's "High Risk Special Programs Unit".

DISCUSSION:

California State legislation, AB 130, Chaptered July 19, 2005, has made funding available to counties that provide services for children and youth, through the Juvenile Probation and Camps Funding Program (JPCF). The allocations are for fiscal year 2005-2006. As a result of this JPCF program, Marin County was allocated \$631, 365 to be used to serve children who are habitual truants, runaways, at risk of being wards of the court under juvenile court supervision, or the supervision of the Probation Department.

Consistent with the intent of the legislation, the Probation Department would apply such funding to the existing "High Risk Special Programs Unit", which is responsible for supervising those youth that have been identified through validated risk instrument to be at "very high risk" of recidivism. The purpose of the program is to manage such youth in the community as much as possible, balancing the child's needs with the threat to community safety.

This program was previously funded by TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) through the State of California – Health and Welfare Agency, Department of Social Services. That funding has terminated, leaving a financial void beginning with fiscal year 2005-2006. In an effort to maintain these vital programs, the State has passed AB 130, replacing the lost TANF funds with JPCF monies.

Adoption of the resolution would permit application for the allotted funds, and provide the mechanism for the State Corrections Standard Authority to make the funds available.

FISCAL IMPACT:

JPCF monies will replace expected TANF funding of \$631,365. JPCF monies are needed in order to maintain programs, with no net fiscal impact.

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> County Counsel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Probation Officer