

The County of Yuba



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: James L. Arnold, Chief Probation Officer

SUBJECT: Probation Department: Adopt resolution ratifying application authorizing Chief Probation Officer to apply for, execute any and all documents, and accept Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program funds from Board of State and Community Corrections.

DATE: May 9, 2023

NUMBER: 198/2023

Recommendation

Adopt Resolution ratifying application for the Board of State and Community Corrections, Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program, to fund the purchase of a Mobile Probation Services vehicle.

Background

On June 30, 2022, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill (AB)178, which approved the State Budget Act of 2022, that established the Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program.

As part of AB 178, \$20 million was set aside for the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to award non-match grants to counties through the Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant Program, for the purpose of providing funding to County Probation Departments to purchase vehicles, equipment, telecommunications and other technology needed to operate mobile probation service centers to assist probationers, particularly those individuals who are unhoused and struggling to meet probation requirements.

As a small county, Yuba has been awarded \$494,742 through the grant.

Discussion

Approximately 10% of Probation clients live in the foothill region. Lack of public transportation, high transportation costs, and low income are all barriers for clients to receive needed programming, services and treatment. Additionally, more than 60, or approximately 10%, of all Probation clients are homeless, unhoused, or at risk of becoming unhoused. Lack of transportation, technology and basic necessities are all barriers to treatment, services and compliance with court orders. Nearly a quarter of all probation clients will be directly impacted by the availability of this Mobile Services vehicle, with even more impacted based on the nature of the vehicle.

Clients will be afforded the opportunity to participate in Drug and Alcohol Treatment, Mental Health therapy, Batterer's Treatment (Court mandated), Courage to Change programs, and a myriad of other programs otherwise offered at the fixed location in Downtown Marysville, up to 45 miles away from some of our rural communities.

The aforementioned clients often live in areas where internet access is unavailable, or limited at best. The mobile services vehicle will be equipped to broadcast a Wi-Fi hotspot for clients, as well as nearby community members.

Fiscal Impact:

Total projected cost is \$494,742 for the grant term purchasing period ending March 15, 2025.

Source of Funds:

Board of State and Community Corrections Mobile Probation Service Centers Grant

Attachments

198-2023 Resolution AB178 Grant