



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Todd Billeci, Interim County Probation Officer
Date: June 7, 2016

Subject: Approve Application for Second Chance Act Smart Reentry Grant

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Interim County Probation Officer, or designee, to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for a Second Chance Act Smart Reentry Program for Planning and Demonstration Projects in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the development and implementation of Evidence-based Strategies for Successful Reentry from Incarceration to Community for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Contra Costa County Probation Department could receive up to \$1,000,000 in Federal funds. There is a 100% match requirement.

BACKGROUND:

The Second Chance Act Smart Reentry Program furthers the Department of Justice's mission by providing resources to states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to plan and implement more effective and evidence-based reentry practices and service delivery systems that address individuals' needs and reduce recidivism. BJA's "Smart Suite" of programs invest in the development of

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/07/2016** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Mary N. Piepho, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 7, 2016

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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practitioner-researcher partnerships that use data,

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

evidence, and innovation to create strategies and interventions that are effective and economical. This data-driven approach enables jurisdictions to understand the full nature and extent of the crime challenges they are facing and to target resources to the highest priorities. The Smart Suite of programs, which includes the Smart Reentry Program², represents a strategic approach that brings more “science” into criminal justice operations by leveraging innovative applications of analysis, technology, and evidence-based practices (EBPs) with the goal of improving performance and effectiveness while containing costs. The Smart Suite assists criminal justice practitioners in building their capacity to develop research-based strategies and focus on program fidelity to increase chances of success. This requires practitioner agencies to partner with researchers using an “action research” approach to enhance the collection and review of data, which in turn can serve as a strong foundation for outcome evaluations of program interventions. In “action research,” researchers work closely with practitioners to most effectively address specific public safety/criminal justice related problems (e.g., high gun violence rate, poor police legitimacy). The goal of this program is to support jurisdictions to develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies that address the challenges posed by reentry to increase public safety and reduce recidivism for individuals reentering communities from incarceration who are at medium to high risk for recidivating. This process should provide the individual with appropriate evidence-based services—including reentry planning that addresses individual criminogenic needs identified through information obtained from an empirically validated risk/needs assessment that also reflects the risk of recidivism for each individual. The reentry plan should reflect both specific and ongoing pre-release and post-release needs, and a strategy for ensuring that these needs are met throughout the duration of the reentry process.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If the Probation does not apply for this grant, it will not be eligible to receive up to \$1,000,000 in Federal funds for offender reentry services.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not Applicable.