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**Social Services Agency**  
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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution Delegating Authority to the Director of the Social Services Agency to Submit a Grant Application to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for the FY 09 Family Drug Courts Program

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Adopt resolution delegating authority to the Director of the Social Services Agency, or designee, to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) relating to grant funding for the FY 09 Family Drug Courts Program in the amount of \$500,000.00 for a grant period of three years (Roll Call Vote).

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There is no impact to the General Fund associated with the approval of the recommended action. Grants under the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, requires a twenty-five percent (25%) non-federal match, which can

be achieved through cash or in-kind services. The grantor's specified formula to determine the match amount for the \$500,000 grant award establishes the county match at \$166,666 for the 3-year grant period, or \$55,000 each year during the grant period. The match requirement is achievable as the grantor permits cash expenditures or in-kind services as allowable matching funds. The Agency will achieve the match requirement through the distribution of a proportional share of current overhead and administration costs which will be used to support grant operations.

## **CONTRACT HISTORY**

Not Applicable.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

In accordance with Board policy for applying for competitive grant funding exceeding \$250,000, the Social Services Agency is requesting delegation of authority to submit an application for the OJJDP FY 09 Family Drug Courts Program. Subunits of government (Social Services Agency) must be designated as the authorized representative by an eligible applicant. The grant application requires applicants to submit an authorization letter from the eligible agency or organization. The Social Services Agency will submit this transmittal in conjunction with the resolution delegating authority to the Social Services Agency Director.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Social Services Agency has had a collaborative partnership with the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County to implement and sustain the current Family Drug Court Program. In November 2007, the Social Services Agency applied for and received a federal grant for the Dependency Drug Treatment Court Program (aka Family Wellness Court for Infants and Toddlers (FWC)). The Agency, Superior Court, Department of Alcohol and Drug Services, the Department of Mental Health and various other community organizations have been working together to develop, implement and sustain the FWC.

The objective of the OJJDP FY 09 Family Drug Courts Program (CFDA #16.585) is to build the capacity of states, state and local courts, etc. to develop and establish drug courts for substance-abusing adults involved with the family dependency court as a result of child abuse and neglect issues. The program must provide services to the children of the parents in the program as well as the parents. OJJDP expects successful applicants to develop and implement a sustainability plan during the grant period to continue operation of the family drug court when the grant ends.

The Social Services Agency, Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) in conjunction with the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara has identified a need to hire a Manager/Coordinator who will work as a liaison between the DFCS and Court to facilitate the education and engagement of Social Workers in the Drug Court process, act as a referral clearinghouse, and oversee the management of Drug Court Programs (both Drug Court and FWC) on the DFCS side. Grant funds will be used to hire a Program Manager I, evaluation component and other components as funding permits. The evaluation is a requirement of the grant and will only cover the funded components of the grant. If the grant is awarded to the Social Services Agency, a transmittal will be submitted with a F85 Budget Modification and the hiring recommendations for the Program Manager I position (unclassified position, redirection of an existing position, dependent contractor).

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

The Social Services Agency will be unable to submit a grant application to the OJJDP for the FY 09 Family Drug Courts Program.

## **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Immediately following the June 9, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting, the Social Services Agency is requesting the Clerk of the Board obtain signatures on two original Resolutions and contact Lynette Harrison at 491 -6877 to pick-up one executed original Resolution on or before June 11, 2009 to submit with the grant application to the OJJDP before June 15, 2009.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Resolution for the FY 09 Family Drug Courts Program Grant