MARIPOSA COUNTY  AGENDA  DATE: 09/17/02
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  ACTION FOR  AGENDA ITEM NO: 28

MARIPOSA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
BY: Cheryl Rutherford-Kelly  PHONE: 966-2442

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:  POLICY ITEM: YES ( )  NO (X)

SEE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

SEE ATTACHED

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
List the attachments and number pages accordingly:
Board Memo

CLERK'S USE ONLY:
Resolution No.: 02-349
Ordinance No.: ____________________________
Vote: Ayes: 5  Noes: 0  Absent: 0  Abstain: 0  Approved  ( ) Denied
( ) Minute Order attached.
( ) No Action Necessary.
The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date: ________________

MARGIE WILLIAMS
Clerk of the Board,
County of Mariposa,
State of California

A.O. Initials: ________________

BY: ____________________________
Deputy

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

This item on Agenda as:
( ) Recommended  ( ) Returned for further action
( ) Not recommended  ( ) Submitted w/ comment
( ) Policy determination

Comment: ____________________________

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September 4, 2002

To: Members, Board of Supervisors

From: Cheryle Rutherford-Kelly

Re: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant

Recommendation

It is respectfully requested that your board: (1) grant permission to the department to apply for the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities grant for up to $200,000; and (2) authorize the director to sign the grant application.

Background and Current Situation

The Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) allocation has been part of the ongoing allocation given to Mariposa County Alcohol and Drug programs by the State. In fiscal year 2001/2002 the allocation was $17,039.

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1995. SDFSC was one of the programs reauthorized under the NCLB. The State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) is initiating a competitive grant program for a portion of the SDFSC funds. These grants will be made available to County Alcohol and Drug Programs throughout the state. It is the goal of NCLB to support academic achievement for young people by creating safe and drug free learning environments through collaborative efforts on the local level.

This grant program focuses on the needs of at-risk and under-served youth by creating and supporting programs that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. It further addresses violence in and around schools, and promotes the involvement of parents and communities. In conjunction with the schools, the Alcohol & Drug program staff has indicated that violence prevention is a focus area most needed in Mariposa. Your Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board and the Mental Health Board have also identified the youth of Mariposa as the population in most need of increased services. Statistics from the counseling center have shown that the youth population has been the largest user of services in the past year.

Because the grant application is currently being drafted and must be filed with the State ADP by September 20th, we are unable to provide your Board with a copy of the completed grant application at this time. However, some of the issues being addressed in the program strategies are:

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• Youth to youth harassment
• School yard bullying
• Strong parent and community involvement in prevention planning
• Development of a community Alcohol & Other Drugs coalition

All of these strategies will be science based, best practice models, with the use of proven prevention strategies. The strategies will be further refined during the initial six (6) month planning phase.

Our staff wants very much to apply for the grant. They have reminded me that “the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow” and “our future, as well as theirs, depends on the decisions we make today.”

There is absolutely no doubt that programs must be discussed with the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board and approved by your Board. The Advisory Board will discuss this matter on September 12, 2002. If the program(s) being designed meet their approval and current departmental expectations, the package will then come to your Board for approval.

Financial

Our SDFSC allocation of $17,039, which helped support the Alcohol and Drug programs, has been deleted. This has occurred at the same time State revenue will almost certainly be decreased by 10 to 20 percent. This project could assist this county to stabilize its programs during an economic decline.

Should the grant application be accepted and awarded the county will receive up to $200,000 per project year. Initial awards will be made for a project period of three years; after the first three-year award, annual renewals will be contingent upon the demonstration of substantial progress toward meeting project goals and objectives as determined by ADP, the competitive requirements of SDFSC grant, and the availability of future funds. Year 4 will be funded at 75 percent requiring a 25 percent local match. Year 5 will be funded at 50 percent requiring a match of 50 percent. It is the intention of the proposal to make this program self sustaining by year 4 so that no match requirement will be necessary. Each agency involved in the prevention strategies will fold these strategies into their existing programs.

Staff has contacted the State Dept. of Alcohol and Drug to clarify the “match” requirements. It is hoped that the match can be in kind from the school district or other community organizations. If the State requires hard match or will not allow the County to close the program after year 3, we should not proceed further.

If the grant is not awarded the program will not go forward and efforts will be made to minimize the impact of the loss of $17,039 through other revenue sources such as Drug Medi-Cal. There will be no local general fund dollars involved.
To: Members, Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

From: Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

Re: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant Application

It is respectfully recommended that your Board support the application for Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) Grant presented for approval by the local Alcohol and Drug program provider.

The Advisory Board was given the opportunity to review the grant application at its regular September meeting. The prevention activities presented in the application are taken from a proven model project. The Alcohol and Drug Program staff has gone to great lengths to find a good program structure for Mariposa County and has also conducted a community forum to help identify risk factors and prevention strategies that are present in our community.

The Advisory Board discussed both the program components as well as the financial requirements of this grant. The Advisory Board would like to reiterate the Director’s statement, in that there will be no general funds involved in this program. The match requirements in years 4 and 5 can be made in-kind. Kings View staff has also confirmed with the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs that in-kind matches are acceptable for this grant.

The Advisory Board concurs on the necessity of the prevention strategies mentioned in the application and has agreed to be the foundation for the community coalition that is to be formed during the planning process. The Advisory Board fully supports this endeavor and respectfully requests your Board support as well.

Respectfully,

Howard Davies
Chair, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board