To: Honorable Board of Supervisors  
From: Donna Garcia, Chief Probation Officer  
Department: Probation  
Subject: Authorization for the Probation Department to accept a Fiscal Year 2018-19 Judicial Council of California Drug Court grant and authorization for the Chief Probation Officer to sign the related agreement for $14,072

Recommendation:  
It is requested that your Board approve the following:

1. Authorize the Probation Department to accept from the Sutter County Superior Court the Judicial Council of California (JCC) Drug Court grant for FY2018-19, in the amount of $14,072, and
2. The Chief Probation Officer to sign the related contract and documents as outlined in the attachment.

Background:  
The Sutter County Probation Department has networked with Sutter-Yuba Mental Health, Sutter County District Attorney’s Office, Sutter County Public Defender’s Office, and the Sutter County Superior Court to offer Drug Court to drug addicted offenders in our community since 2000. This program has found long term success and continues to be a vital piece of the rehabilitation of probationers who volunteer to participate.

The Court and Probation share a joint interest in the continuing success of the Drug Court Program, a program which is collaborative for the rehabilitation of adult felons with the goal of long-term sobriety and facilitation of a “lifestyle makeover” to avoid future involvement with the criminal justice system and related costs.

The Court and Probation applied for partial funding of Probation’s expenses directly related to the Drug Court program, and the Court has been awarded the grant funding, with the funds received by the Court to be paid as reimbursement for authorized Probation expenditures on the Drug Court program.

Effective July 1, 2018, the Judicial Council of California (hereinafter “JCC”) awarded the Sutter County Superior Court a Drug Court grant from which $14,072 is to be paid as reimbursement for Probation expenditures on the Drug Court program.

Prior Board Action:  
This Agreement and acceptance of the funding were authorized by the Board on March 22, 2016, to receive $13,395 for fiscal year 2015-16; June 13, 2017 to receive $13,954 for FY2016-17; and September 11, 2018 to receive $14,025 for FY2017-18.
Board Alternatives:
The County could choose to not receive the funds, and the grant funding would revert to the Court. The Court would look to alternative uses for the funds.

Other Department and/or Agency Involvement:
This is a shared agreement between Sutter County Superior Court and Sutter County Probation Department.

Action Following Approval:
This supports an ongoing collaboration with Sutter County Superior Court. Following approval, funds will be accepted from the Sutter County Superior Court and will be used to provide evidence-based programming and incentives to Drug Court participants.

Fiscal Impact:
The grant program does not require any matching funds. The revenue and expenditures for this grant are included in the FY2018-19 budget. There is no cost to the General Fund.

Countywide Goals and/or Top Priorities Compliance:
This agreement is in line with Countywide Goals B and C. Using these grant funds rather than general fund to offset the costs related to the rehabilitation of adult felons to avoid future involvement with the criminal justice system and related costs supports operating County government in a fiscally responsible manner while maintaining a strong commitment to public safety.

Standing Committee Review:
Due to the delay at JCC in sending out the contracts to the Courts, they are requesting the contracts be approved and returned to them by March 29th, 2019. Since this contract is an annual renewal and the revenue and expenditures for this grant are included in the FY2018-19 budget, a standing committee review is not essential.

Attachment:
Agreement for Drug Court Program Grant Administration (MOU) as created by the Courts.

Respectfully Submitted,

S/ Donna Garcia
Chief Probation Officer

Laura Granados, Admin & Finance Manager 3/29/2019

Attachments:
1. FY18-19 JCC Drug Court Agreement