

**Budget Narrative**

The Probation Specialized Units Program (PSUP) grant award to Humboldt County is projected to be \$90,000 with a cash or in-kind match of \$30,000. Humboldt County will use these monies to sustain the PSUP caseload by spending money in two basic areas: funding a 1.0 FTE Senior Probation Officer and subsidizing PSUP probationers' participation in Batterer's Intervention Programs (BIPs).

The entire \$90,000 in VAWA funds will be spent to fund 1.0 FTE Senior Probation Officer. The projected cost of the officer's salary and benefits is \$111,894. The salary and benefits costs which exceed the \$90,000 in grant funding were to be used as match; however, given the impacts the Covid pandemic has had on the court and local Batterer's Intervention Programs, Humboldt County Probation is submitting a request for a 100% match waiver for the 2020/21 year. This expenditure directly supports the Program's objectives and activities. A Senior Probation Officer is a lead officer with at least two years of experience in the field of community corrections and who has completed Probation Officer Core and Law Enforcement 832 PC training. In Humboldt County, a Senior Officer will have also undergone training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) based case management. The Senior Probation Officer paid for by the grant will be directly responsible for the caseload of 40 probationers with domestic violence convictions. The officer will make weekly contacts with the participants, provide ongoing case planning that targets criminogenic factors, contact and coordinate with victims, and coordinate with BIP providers. These activities form the basis of the PSUP.

The second portion of the proposed budget includes monies to subsidize PSUP probationers participating in Batterer's Intervention Programs. These 52-week programs target an offender's underlying attitudes and beliefs and strive to teach them emotional regulation,

empathy, and other behavioral controls. Participation in BIPs is mandated by California Statutes for offenders with domestic violence convictions. In Humboldt County, there has been a significant issue with probationers accessing these programs due to cost. Many probationers are unable to pay for a BIP and end up on indigent waiting lists for several months. Addressing this issue directly supports the PSUP by providing services to the probationer which address their criminogenic needs making them less likely to reoffend.

The program utilizes three batterer's intervention programs: Elizabeth Kemper, LMFT, Humboldt Family Service Center (HFSC), and P.A.V.E. Each has an established rate for participation:

**Elizabeth Kemper, LMFT (10 clients)**

Intake Session \$60 x 1  
Intake Session \$30 x 1  
Group Session \$25 x 16

**Humboldt Family Service Center (10 clients)**

Intake Session \$65 x 1  
Group Session \$25 x 16

**P.A.V.E. (10 clients)**

Intake Session \$70 x 1  
Group Session \$30 x 16

PSUP will arrange to subsidize participation on an individual basis. PSUP probationers are eligible for subsidy if the Senior Probation Officer assigned to the program identifies it as a need. Subsidization would occur for only those services received (sessions actually attended by the probationer). Participants assume responsibility for payment as they reintegrate into the

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community. Authorization for subsidies will occur in up to 120 day increments with the BIPs having weekly sessions.

It is estimated PSUP will approve thirty (30) subsidies. The total amount of costs is projected at \$15,050, of which \$8,106, was to be included as part of the County's match however as previously mentioned, Humboldt County Probation Department is seeking a 100% match waiver this year due to COVID impacts on local BIPs and the Court. This may vary based on offender population and success/failure rates.

The proposed budget has no necessity for subcontracts or unusual expenditures.