

### **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 majority of the monies will be spent to fund 1.0 FTE Senior Probation Officer. The projected cost of the officer's salary and benefits is \$103,453. 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 community corrections field and completion of Probation 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 which form the basis of the PSSP. The officer will be making weekly contacts with the participants, providing ongoing case planning that targets criminogenic factors, contacting and coordinating with victims, and coordinating 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 two batterer's intervention programs: Humboldt Family Service Center (HFSC); and Men/Women Exploring New Directions (M/WEND). Each has an established rate for participation:

HFSC

Assessment appointment (1x): \$65

Group Class (weekly): \$25

M/WEND

Intake Appointment (1x): \$60

Individual Session (2x): \$50

Group Session (weekly): \$27

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 actually received (sessions actually attended by the probationer). Participants assume responsibility for payment as they reintegrate into the 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-five (35) subsidies with a majority participating in M/WEND. The total amount of costs is projected at \$16,675 which will be included as part of the County's match. This may vary based on offender population and success/failure rates.

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