



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



Scott M. Ball
Chief Probation Officer

October 17, 2013

Sebastian Cosentino
Board of State and Community Corrections
Facilities Standards and Operations Division
600 Bercut Drive
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Dear Mr. Cosentino,

The purpose of this letter is to formally decline the Corrections Standards Authority Intent to Award Conditional Financing through Senate Bill 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facilities Construction Financing Program, Proposal ID #J07-09. The declination was approved by the Merced County Board of Supervisors on October 16, 2013 and a copy of the Board Agenda Item (BAI) has been attached.

Should you have any questions please contact me at (209) 385-7560.

Regards,

Scott M. Ball
Chief Probation Officer

Encl: BAI PR137

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THROUGH: COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FROM: SCOTT M. BALL, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

**SUBJECT: Declination of Corrections Standards Authority Juvenile Corrections Projects
Grant Funding**

SUMMARY:

On August 24, 2007, the Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facility Construction Funding Program became law (as authorized by certain provisions of Senate Bill 81, Chapter 175, Statutes of 2007). The purpose of this financing program is to support the rehabilitation of youthful offenders at the local level. California State Senate Bill (SB) 81 shifted the responsibility of housing non-violent juvenile offenders, with the exception of sex offenders, from the state to the counties. As such, pursuant to the legislative intent of SB 81, rehabilitation must be a core component of the operational philosophy of the facility subject to construction, expansion or renovation. In order to receive state financing for a local youthful offender rehabilitative facility project, each participating county would be responsible for a portion of the project costs in matching funds.

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STAFFING IMPACT: N/A**FISCAL IMPACT: N/A****CONTRACT / RESOLUTION / ABSTRACT/OTHER SUBMITTED: N/A****REVIEW:** Auditor-Controller CEO CEO-Budget Counsel EEO Admin Services Human Resources Risk**Department Contact: Sarah Jimenez, Ext. 7420****REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION NEEDED**

- 1) Request the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chief Probation Officer to formally decline the Corrections Standards Authority Intent to Award Conditional Financing through Senate Bill 81 Local Youthful Offender Rehabilitative Facilities Construction Financing Program, Proposal ID #J07-09.

BOARD ACTION: 10/16/2012**PEDROZO / KELSEY - APPROVED RECOMMENDATION****TO: PROB****BOARD ORDER TO FOLLOW**

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On December 9, 2008 the Board of Supervisors authorized the Department of Public Works and the Probation Department to submit a grant application to the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), now known as the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), to obtain funding that would allow for expansion of the Iris Garrett Juvenile Justice Correctional Complex (IGJJCC). The grant proposed adding 60 beds to the existing facility, adding a kitchen and laundry room, and implementing an in-house vocational training program. The grant application was submitted, however Merced County was only offered a partial funding award of the \$8,897,708. The total project cost was estimated at \$12,257,144 with Probation responsible for a 25% cash match totaling \$3,106,436 and 2% in-kind match totaling \$253,000.

On December 6, 2010 Probation received notice that financing had been reinstated to the original allocation of \$8,897,708 pursuant to Assembly Bill 1628. However, with increased operating costs and a significant drop in the average daily population (ADP), the construction of a new facility is not recommended at this time. The ADP for the entirety of 2011/2012 was 85. With a population reduction of approximately 25 detained minors, the Probation Department is in a better position to house minors who would have been otherwise committed to DJJ prior to July 1, 2012.