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2015-2016 Budget Update

The 2015-16 Budget signed by the Governor last week provides funding for one new grant program, made changes to three existing programs and transfers funds relinquished from Amador County's AB 900 Phase I construction project.

- **New Grant: Strengthening Community and Law Enforcement Relationships:** This new grant provides \$6 million for programs and initiatives intended to strengthen the relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The BSCC may use up to 5 percent of the grant funds to administer the program. The BSCC will form an ESC that will write an RFP, rate proposals and make recommendations for funding to the Board.
- **Additional Funding for MIOCR Grants:** An additional \$1.7 million was appropriated for the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Program. At its June meeting, the Board directed staff to allocate any additional MIOCR funding that was included in the 2015-16 budget to the next eligible county on the approved list. As a result, the partially funded counties will receive full grants. Specifically, El Dorado will receive \$739,528, for a total of \$950,000 to use for adult mental health programs, and Solano will receive \$665,628, for a total of \$761,322 for juvenile mental health programs. Staff is working with Tuolumne County, which is next on the ranked list for juvenile projects, and Nevada County which is next on the ranked list for adult projects, to determine if they would like to accept partial funding. If either county declines, staff will continue down the list, continuing to split the funds 50/50 between adult and juvenile programs.
- **Additional Funding for Community Recidivism Reduction Grants:** The Community Recidivism Reduction Grant Program received an additional \$4 million in FY 15-16 on top of the \$8 million from last year. The amounts that each county receives is set in statute. The funds are for projects that focus on crime reduction services, including delinquency prevention, homelessness prevention and reentry services. Fifty counties requested funds last year. The budget also changed the encumbrance date from December 2015 to June 30, 2016.
- **Funds to Cities for Law Enforcement:** This is \$20 million in pass-through funding for city law-enforcement activities. It includes a new requirement that recipients provide data on the number of use-of-force incidents that result in hospitalization or death.
- **Relinquished funds from Amador County:** The budget reallocates relinquished funds to AB 900 Phase II and SB 1022 construction projects. The BSCC will meet on July 16, 2015 to consider conditional awards of this funding to eligible counties.

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