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### Probation Awarded Grant to Supervise People with Multiple DUI Convictions

The San Bernardino County Probation Department received funds for an intensive probation supervision program for high-risk DUI offenders with multiple DUI convictions.

The \$620,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), approved by the Board of Supervisors, will go toward additional proactive home contacts with probationers to make sure they are following court-ordered terms of their probation and prevent probationers from re-offending.

“The grant provides critical resources and services, which will hopefully help individuals get back on track and reduce the number of alcohol and drug-involved traffic collisions,” Chief Probation Officer Tracy Reece said. “Without funding from the OTS, the supervision program would be adversely impacted.”

This year, funding will allow for an additional officer to provide supervision to high-risk offenders in underserved communities.

“The safety of our communities is a top priority and intensive supervision programs hold DUI offenders accountable for their actions,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “This concerted effort improves the safety of our roadways by addressing the devastating impacts impaired driving has on our communities.”

The probation grant will also pay for warrant operations targeting probation violations and/or DUI suspects who do not appear in court, alcohol testing, treatment compliance, DMV restrictions, and special weekend, evening and holiday operations to enforce terms of probation.

The grant program runs through September 2023.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.