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San Bernardino Probation Awarded Grant to Supervise DUI Offenders

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

The \$700,000 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 enables the department to allocate additional resources to monitor those under our supervision, ensuring they comply with their court-ordered terms.” Chief Probation Officer Tracy Reece said. “ In addition to bolstering enforcement, the funding will expand access to treatment and support services for individuals with multiple DUI convictions. These programs aim to combat impaired driving and reduce the likelihood of re-offending, aligning with the department’s vision To Protect the Community. ”

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.

“Monitoring programs are critical to reducing the devastating consequences of DUI offenses,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “Prevention is an effective, proactive tool to address the often-tragic consequences of impaired driving.”

The grant program runs through September 2025.

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