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SBCProbation Awarded Grant to Supervise People Convicted of DUI

The San Bernardino County Probation Department received additional funds for a probation monitoring program for people convicted of driving under the influence (DUI).

The \$440,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will go toward contact with probationers in their home and in the office to ensure they are following court-ordered terms of their probation.

“Our monitoring program helps those we serve stay on track with treatment and other court-ordered measures,” said Chief Probation Officer Tracy Reece. “Specifically, this grant affords us the opportunity to provide additional guidance, resources, and accountability which assists our clients in achieving their rehabilitative goals while reducing additional DUI offenses.”

The probation grant will also pay for warrant operations targeting probation violations and/or DUI suspects who do not appear in court, alcohol testing, officer training in Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), and collaborating with courts and prosecutors to establish probation orders.

“Prevention and treatment are valuable tools in reducing DUI recidivism rates,” OTS Director Barbara Rooney said. “Monitoring programs are intended to steer probationers in the right direction.”

The grant program runs through September 2022.

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