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## Proposition 47 Grant Community Meeting June 3

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Probation Department invites the community to attend an informative presentation on its intent to apply for the Proposition 47 Grant to expand mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, and diversion programs for individuals in the criminal justice system. This event will be held on June 3, at 5:00 p.m., in the Yolo County Administration Building’s Atrium Training Room, located at 625 Court Street in Woodland. For those unable to attend in person, the presentation will be streamed live at [www.YoloCounty.org/Prop47Presentation](http://www.YoloCounty.org/Prop47Presentation).

Proposition 47, known as the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, is a voter-approved measure that reclassified certain low-level drug and property offenses from felonies to misdemeanors. This reclassification allowed the state to allocate the resulting savings towards mental health services, substance use disorder treatment, and diversion programs for individuals in the criminal justice system.

Previously, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency and District Attorney’s Office collectively received \$6 million in Proposition 47 funding. This current grant application is for \$2 million with a minimum of 50% of the funds designated for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), while the remainder would be managed by the Yolo County Probation Department. The implementation of the grant will be overseen by a Local Advisory Committee, representing a diverse array of community stakeholders.

A Deputy Probation Officer will be funded by the grant to collaborate closely with stakeholders and NGOs, providing supervision and support to individuals with Proposition 47 offenses in their criminal history. These individuals will have access to tailored mental health and substance use treatments, as well as diversion programs. The intent is to also offer housing-related support. An upcoming Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued to solicit eligible NGOs to provide substance use disorder treatment, as well as short-term and long-term housing solutions, including emergency housing vouchers. State funding, such as Medi-Cal, will be leveraged to augment service provision.

Proposition 47 was designed to reduce the penalties for certain non-violent crimes, thereby decreasing the prison population and redirecting the savings to support community-based services. The initiative has significantly lowered recidivism rates among participants who receive these services, as demonstrated by comprehensive evaluations of the program.

The June 3 community meeting will offer residents an opportunity to learn more about the Proposition 47 Grant, ask questions, and engage with the officials responsible for implementing the grant's initiatives. The presentation will feature William Oneto from the Yolo County Probation Department, Marisa Green of the Yolo

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County Health and Human Services Agency, and Christopher Bulkeley of the Yolo County District Attorney's Office.

“Community involvement and feedback are crucial to the successful deployment of these resources,” said Probation Division Manager of Administration William Oneto. “The Yolo County Probation Department is committed to enhancing public safety through innovative and collaborative approaches to offender rehabilitation and community reintegration. By partnering with local agencies and community organizations, the department intends to reduce recidivism and improve the quality of life for all residents of Yolo County.”

For additional information about the community meeting or the Proposition 47 Grant, please contact the Yolo County Probation Department at (530) 406-5340 or [Probation@YoloCounty.org](mailto:Probation@YoloCounty.org).

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