



## NEVADA COUNTY

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# PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** March 28, 2017  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Michael Ertola  
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**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the personal services contract between the County of Nevada and SCRAM of California, Inc. to increase the maximum amount of the contract to \$50,000 for fiscal year FY 2016-2017 and authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution

**FUNDING:** Contract in the original amount of \$20,000 and contract amendment in the amount of \$30,000, for a total of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2016-2017, is 100% funded by Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration grant. No general funds are required.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2013 the department applied under a new federal grant opportunity to expand substance abuse treatment capacities in adult, juvenile and family drug courts. The primary focus of the grant has been the Nevada County DUI Court which has been in existence since April of 2011 and initially had the capacity of 15 participants. Grant monies have been used to support prevention efforts, increase supervision with the help of local law enforcement and to acquire enhanced testing and alcohol detection field technologies which support achievement of early interventions.

The use of SCRAM Continuous Alcohol Monitoring program is a productive alternative to incarceration and adheres to our County's plan regarding use of sanctions and evidence-based practices to supervise, improve services and reduce recidivism. SCRAM automatically tests for alcohol consumption every 30 minutes around the clock by measuring any ethanol through a person's vaporous perspiration. The use of SCRAM monitoring allows for instant accountability and detection for clients with alcohol related substance use disorders and has shown positive results within the local DUI Courts including Truckee and Nevada City.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Item Initiated by:** Angelina Coffey, Administrative Services Associate  
**Approved by:** Michael Ertola, Chief Probation Officer

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