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Methadone Fund Plea Approved

SANTA CRUZ — A proposal to establish a methadone program in Santa Cruz County to help heroin addicts got preliminary approval here Tuesday.

County Supervisors authorized the County Health Department to apply for a \$60,000 federal grant to set up the program.

Dr. Richard H. Swihus, county health officer, told supervisors his and other departments "are in the process of planning what form the program should take.

He said, however, that the program would "range from psychiatric evaluation, physical and laboratory examination, oral daily methadone administration, occupational rehabilitation, and, hopefully, rehabilitation from methadone."