



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Sheriff's Office



Date: September 2, 2014
Board Meeting Date: October 21, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Greg Munks, Sheriff

Subject: FY 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution accepting the FY 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program award, for the term of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2017, in the amount of \$109,810.

BACKGROUND:

The Edward Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The JAG Program has seven purpose areas under which funds may be awarded, one of which is law enforcement. JAG funded projects address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) calculates the JAG formula-based award amounts using specifications outlined in the JAG legislation. According to the legislation, states may only retain award amounts that bear the same ratio of (A) total expenditures on criminal justice by the state government in the most recently completed fiscal year to (B) the total expenditures on criminal justice by the state government and units of local government within the state in such year.

After determining the amount spent on criminal justice expenditures by the state government, the state may retain that amount. The remainder of funding is passed down to the local governments within the state. These criminal justice expenditure amounts are referred to as "variable pass-through" data for the purpose of JAG awards.

In some cases, as defined by the legislation, a disparity may exist between the funding eligibility of a county and associated municipalities. Such disparity exists when both a county and a municipality within that county qualify for a direct award, yet the award

amount for the municipality exceeds 150% of the county's award amount. Another type of disparity that may occur is when a county and multiple municipalities within that county are all eligible for direct awards, but the sum of the awards for the individual municipalities exceeds 400% of the county's award amount.

DISCUSSION:

On behalf of the County and local disparate jurisdictions, the Sheriff's Office applied for and received funding in the amount of \$109,810 for the federal FY 2014 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The project date is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2017. The project start date is the first day of the federal fiscal year which in this case is October 1, 2013. The allocations for eligible state and local jurisdictions are posted on the Bureau of Justice's website on or around October 1st. By the time the applications are submitted to the Bureau of Justice and award notifications sent out, approximately one year from the initial project start date has passed.

The County, along with the cities of Daly City, East Palo Alto, Redwood City, San Mateo, and South San Francisco are certified as disparate jurisdictions. Jurisdictions certified as disparate must identify a fiscal agent and that fiscal agent has to submit a joint application for the total eligible allocation with a Memorandum of Understanding. The County and cities have agreed that the Sheriff's Office be the fiscal agent and 10% of each jurisdiction's allocated amount will be designated as an administrative fee. On behalf of the County and local disparate jurisdictions, the Sheriff's Office applied for and received funding in the amount of \$109,810 for the federal FY 2014 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Of this grant amount, \$29,252, which includes the administrative fee, is allocated to the County. A portion of the funding will be used to purchase seven radar units and four Lidar units along with support equipment. Both radar and Lidar use similar technologies to tracking the movement of objects, but there are differences in how each technology works. Radar (radio detection and ranging) units transmit radio waves at a designated frequency that reflect off a moving target and return to the unit. Lidar (light detection and ranging), on the other hand, sends out a laser beam which determines the distance to the target by calculating the time it takes the beam to reflect off the target and return to the unit. The significant difference between the technologies is radar can operate in the moving mode while Lidar cannot operate while moving. Lidar offers unique capabilities that radar does not. For example, when Lidar is coupled with a mapping program, it can be used to document traffic collisions and crime scenes. Purchasing both technologies will assist in reducing traffic crashes, injuries, and fatalities at hazardous locations in the County. The administrative fee will be used towards training as well as supplies associated with managing the grant.

The balance of the grant award includes allocations to Daly City \$15,984, East Palo Alto \$21,320, Redwood City \$13,746, San Mateo \$19,648, and South San Francisco \$9,860. The cities will expend FY 2014 JAG funds for the analysis of all types of evidence submitted to the Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory. The cities will receive credit towards Laboratory fees and services based on their agency's allocation during the grant period or until the funding is exhausted.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of this grant award contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of Safe Neighborhoods by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems throughout the County.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Number of traffic citations issued	19,250	19,750

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program award in the amount of \$109,810 does not require matching County funds. There is no Net County Cost.