



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



Date: October 21, 2014
Board Meeting Date: November 4, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Michael Callagy, Deputy County Manager

Subject: Application for competitive funding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the County Manager or his/her designee to apply for competitive funding under the auspices of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) through the Board of State and Community Corrections for the funding cycle of 3/1/15 through 12/31/17.

BACKGROUND:

On September 15, 2014, the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to all Counties in California encouraging them to apply for funding to conduct local programs aimed at reducing gang activities, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, gun violence and school violence, among other issues. Responses to the RFP must be submitted to the BSCC by November 24, 2014.

These JAG grants are the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to State and local jurisdictions. The JAG program provides critical funding necessary to support State and local initiatives that include technical assistance, strategic planning, research, data collection and training. Historically, JAG funds have been allocated directly to Counties through a non-competitive process. This cycle of JAG funding is competitive, placing emphasis on prevention, and utilizing evidence based programs and practices.

DISCUSSION:

After careful review of the priorities articulated in the JAG RFP and considering the needs of San Mateo County as it strives to provide much needed services and opportunities to at risk youth in disproportionately impacted areas of our County, County

staff is recommending responding to the JAG RFP by proposing the development of a comprehensive community based multi-disciplinary program to reduce juvenile truancy and delinquency, curb gang activity, eliminate gun violence and prevent school violence. The City of East Palo Alto and the Belle Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park will be the program target areas.

The new program will be located at 763 Green Street in East Palo Alto, a site formerly used as an alternative high school and owned by the Sequoia Union High School District. The “One Stop” multi-disciplinary Green Street Program will provide at-risk youth and those on probation with case management and other supportive services to help them combat the drugs, guns and gang violence prevalent in these communities.

As part of the County’s JAG RFP application, a local Steering Committee was formed to help formulate policies and initiatives for the program. Members of the Steering Committee include representatives from Probation Department, the Sheriff’s Office, the Private Defender program, the cities of Menlo Park and East Palo Alto, the office of Supervisor Warren Slocum, the Sequoia Union High School District, the District Attorney’s Office and a number of local non-profit and faith based organizations.

San Mateo County will compete in a pool with 14 other large sized counties for JAG funding. The maximum allowable amount of funding it can receive is \$1,045,625 per year. This JAG grant has a three year term. Only the first year is a competitive process. There is no requirement for a local match of funds.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution and agreement as to form.

Approval of this resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 Outcome of a Collaborative Community by reducing juvenile delinquency, truancy, gun violence and school violence.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None