



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



Date: December 7, 2012
Board Meeting Date: January 29, 2013
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Greg Munks, Sheriff

Subject: FY 2012 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution accepting the FY 2012 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program for the term of October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014, in the amount of \$650,000.

BACKGROUND:

The FY 2012 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program through the US Department of Justice, recognizes that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are crimes that require the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable for their actions through investigations, arrest and persecution of violent offenders, and through close judicial scrutiny and management of offender behavior.

In 2010, the Sheriff's Office received a grant award from the Community-Defined Solutions to Violence Against Women Program (now referred to as the Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program) in the amount of \$675,000. The funding helped establish the San Mateo County Domestic Violence Firearms Compliance and Legal Advocacy Program. The program, the only one of its kind in the surrounding counties, serves to increase victim safety and offender accountability through firearms compliance and provide legal advocacy services to victims in the County. Through the collaboration of the Sheriff's Office, Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), Bay Area Legal Aid, and the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, the Domestic Violence Firearms Compliance and Legal Advocacy Program: 1) systematically and fully enforces California gun laws pertaining to restrained persons; 2) improves the seamlessness of the continuum of services; 3) strengthens legal advocacy for each victim by providing early and continuing

information, advocacy and support; and 4) increases batterer accountability by enhancing opportunities for reporting and prosecuting domestic violence crimes.

DISCUSSION:

The Sheriff's Office, in collaboration with Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), Bay Area Legal Aid and the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, will use the FY 2012 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program continuation award to sustain the Domestic Violence Firearms Compliance and Legal Advocacy Program. The funding will continue to: 1) support one full-time Sheriff's Detective to staff and continue the efforts of the Domestic Violence Firearms Compliance Unit; 2) support one Victim Liaison to attend civil Domestic Violence Court and assist victims at the Domestic Violence Restraining Order Clinic; 3) support a Domestic Violence Attorney and Pro Bono Attorney Coordinator to represent victims of domestic violence at their civil restraining order hearings; and 4) provide training to law enforcement agencies on the law and procedures for the service of court orders upon restrained parties.

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

Acceptance of this award contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 of a Health Community by ensuring victim safety and offender accountability.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Measures	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Number of seized and/or surrendered firearms from restrained parties	250	125
Number of restraining orders received / reviewed by the Sheriff's Detective assigned to the Domestic Violence Firearms Compliance Unit	877	738

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2012 Grant to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program continuation award in the amount of \$650,000 is for a two year period commencing October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2014. The grant does not require any matching County funds. The award has been included in the Sheriff's Office FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget.