



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



Date: August 28, 2012
Board Meeting Date: October 2, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Greg Munks, Sheriff

Subject: FY 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution accepting the FY 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program award for the term of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2015 in the amount of \$68,113

BACKGROUND:

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (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 expenditure 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 \$68,113 for the federal FY 2012 Edward Byrne JAG Program.

The County, along with the cities of East Palo Alto and San Mateo, 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 will be the fiscal agent and 10% of each jurisdiction's allocated amount will be designated as an administrative fee.

Of this grant amount, \$21,516, which includes the 10% administrative fee, is allocated to the County. A portion of this allocation will be applied towards the purchase of a THEMIS Evidence Analysis System and a Chromatography Refrigerator for the Forensic Laboratory. The remainder of the County's award will be used towards training costs to provide personnel with the skills and analytical tools to ensure proper management of grants, contracts and requests for proposals.

The balance of the grant includes allocations to East Palo Alto for \$23,817 and San Mateo for \$22,781. Both cities will expend FY 2012 JAG funds for the analyses 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 (October 1, 2011 to September 31, 2015) or until the funding is exhausted.

The Sheriff's Office requests your Board to authorize the Sheriff or Sheriff's designee to execute all necessary documents in connection with the grant including but not limited to agreements, amendments and grant assurances.

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

Approval of this grant award contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2012-13 Actual	FY 2013-14 Projected
Total number of major case items received by the Forensic Laboratory	3,411	3,200

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY 2012 Edward Byrne JAG Program award is for the amount of \$68,113, for the period of October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2015. This grant does not require any matching funds. There is no Net County Cost. This appropriation has been included in the Sheriff's Office FY 2012-13 Recommended Budget.